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Porn actor wanted in body-parts homicide

Caution: Graphic content. A man is wanted in connection with a three-step crime: a killing, a dismemberment and a mailing of body parts to Ottawa

JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

Police are looking for a low-budget-porn star wanted in a shocking homicide that came to light Tuesday when a severed foot was mailed to Tory party headquarters in Ottawa.

On Wednesday, Montreal police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, believed to originally be from Toronto.

He's connected to the discovery of a human torso in Montreal and mailed body parts found in Ottawa Tuesday.

Before the severed remains were discovered, someone posted a video online, purporting to show a young man being stabbed with an ice pick. While the victim lay naked, the killer then dismembered the corpse and committed sexual and cannibalistic acts on it.

The video is now being reviewed by Montreal police, who are investigating a case that has shocked the country.

Magnotta, who police say also goes by the names Eric Clinton Newman and Vladimir Romanov, is described as white, five-foot-10, weighing 134 pounds, with blue eyes and black hair.

His multiple identities were confusing enough that police had to issue a second press release Wednesday after originally identifying him as "Rocco Luka."

Police said Magnotta has no criminal record.

Following the grisly discovery at the Conservative Party of Canada's headquarters on Albert Street, Ottawa police intercepted a package containing a hand on Tuesday evening at Canada Post's main terminal in Ottawa. That package was destined for the Liberal Party of Canada, Montreal police said.

Both packages were mailed to Ottawa from Montreal and police believe the body parts all belonged to the same male victim, although they are waiting for the results of DNA tests.

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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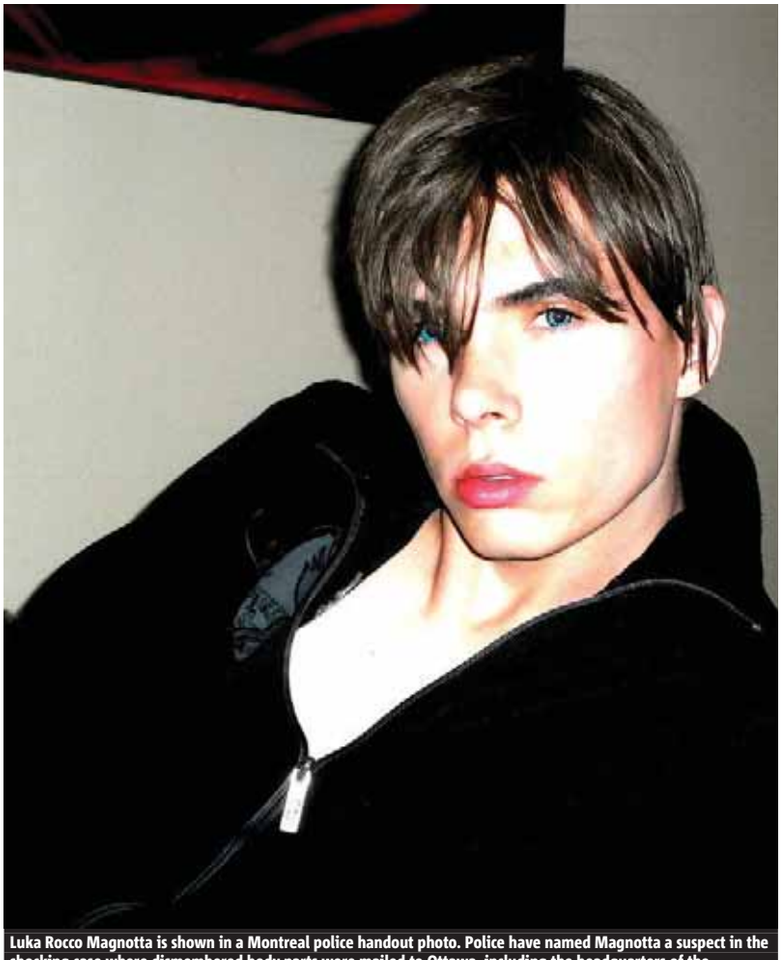
- For nearly two years, the name Luka Rocco Magnotta has been notorious among animal-rights activists looking for a man who tortured and killed cats.
- Horrified Conservative party members who opened the box that contained a dismembered foot say they will never forget the foul odour that overcame the office.



Luka Rocco Magnotta is shown in a Montreal police handout photo. Police have named Magnotta a suspect in the shocking case where dismembered body parts were mailed to Ottawa, including the headquarters of the governing Conservative party. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Public needs to hear from McGuinty on Ornge: Tory

MPP Frank Klees, who sits on a legislative committee investigating Ontario's troubled air-ambulance service, says he wants to bring in the premier to testify PAGE 6

Family falls apart after murder charges

A Brampton man says he's cut ties with his immediate relatives who are now charged in connection with the murder of his wife, Manjinder Litt PAGE 3

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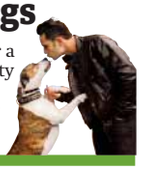

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Son killed in crash

Mom says the cap on parental lawsuits is 'insane'

How much is a life worth?

For Rita Carrey, sister of the famous Canadian actor Jim Carrey, the value put on her son, Marty Fournier, after his tragic death made her angry.

"I just think people don't know what a life is worth in this country," says Carrey, who sued the City of Hamilton, alleging it was responsible for his death after Fournier died in a freak accident on a narrow rural road.

Saturday will mark the seventh anniversary of the 25-year-old's death.

The city settled for an undisclosed amount in March, but what angered and shocked Carrey was her discovery of a $125,000 cap on awards for this type of lawsuit in Ontario.

"That's the maximum a parent could sue for my son's untimely death. It mocks a human life. It's just insane. My court case is done, but I want the Supreme Court of Canada to amend that law in the future," Carrey said.

Although injury awards for pain and suffering can go as high as $345,000, there is no similar compensation award when a person dies.

Instead, family members can sue for the lesser amount under Ontario's Family Law Act for loss of care, guidance and companionship.

Carrey says she was dismayed by the time it took to settle the lawsuit as well as the process. "It's shocking that you have to actually sit and convince lawyers that your son's life is worth something," Carrey said.

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Family ties destroyed by woman's murder

'It's not my family'. Brampton man coping with wife's death, and the fact almost all his relatives have been charged in her death

When it all changed

Litt's skeletal remains were discovered in Caledon on a rural residential property in February this year, after Manjinder spent years holding press conferences, offering rewards and waiting hopefully for his wife to come home.

With almost all of his immediate relatives now charged in connection with the murder of his wife, Manjinder Litt said they are no family to him.

"It's not my family," he said when reached on Wednesday. "I have no relationship with them."

Manjinder said he moved out of the Brampton house he and his 27-year-old wife, Poonam Litt, once shared with relatives a year and a half ago.

Peel Region police announced Wednesday that Litt's brother-in-law Skinder Punia, 42, husband of Manjinder's sister Mandeep, has been charged as an accessory after the fact to murder.

Mandeep, 35, was charged with second-degree murder in April. Manjinder's father, Kulwant Singh Litt, 63, was also charged with accessory after the fact to murder.

At the time of Litt's disappearance, the couple and their then two-year-old daughter were sharing their home with Manjinder's father, mother, sister, her husband and their two children. Litt had told family and friends she was pregnant with a second child.

When asked if he ever speaks with his relatives, he said quickly: "No, no, no, no, no, never."

Is he angry? "Yeah, obviously," he said.

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The brother-in-law of Poonam Litt has now been charged in her murder.
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Thin blue line? Police union head troubled by the alleged harassment of cop who charged Halton officer

Const. Andrew Vanderburgh is seen leaving Old City Hall Court.
CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack says he finds it "troubling" that a rookie Toronto officer faced internal retaliation for charging a Halton police officer with impaired driving.

McCormack said the "optics" of a perceived thin blue line are bad, but it's not a systemic issue and, while the police culture of protecting their own may have once existed in Toronto, it doesn't any longer.

According to a story in the Toronto Star, Const. Andrew Vanderburgh was harassed and berated by fellow officers after he arrested and charged Const. Breton Berthiaume, an off-duty police constable, with impaired driving and having a blood-alcohol level over 80 milligrams on Nov. 28, 2009.

Vanderburgh's father, Norman, 64, a retired Toronto police officer, told the Star his son was put in a tough position "but he did what he had to do."

His son has always been a leader, he added. "It's what you call integrity, choices and values. You've got to look at yourself in the mirror."

He recalls having father-son chats about values. "You are sworn to uphold the law."

Vanderburgh's father never had to charge an officer himself, but he knew those who were ridiculed for charging another officer and they put up with it.

He added that most officers would do the right thing in this situation, but there are others who "tarnish us all."

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On the web

Facebook CEO going through money woes?

It's not just Facebook's stocks that are going through some tough times these days. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was caught on camera dumbfounded after unsuccessfully trying to withdraw money from an ATM. Watch the clip online at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

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TTC endorses light-rail plan, despite warning

Report. City's transit agency downplays LRT squabble with Metrolinx

Don't say you weren't warned. That's the message the TTC has sent Metrolinx about its aggressive 2020 deadline to build four new light rail lines in Toronto.

TTC staff members made it clear this week that they believe the construction schedule for the projects, particularly the 11 kilometres of tunneled LRT on Eglinton, is too aggressive and will cause an inordinate amount of disruption to traffic and neighbourhoods.

A report to the TTC board Wednesday also suggested that Metrolinx's determination to use private financing (estimated to be about 30 per cent of the total cost) on the project could end up costing taxpayers more.

But in the end, the city councillors on the Toronto Transit Commission conceded that, since the province is paying the $8.4 billion to build the much-needed transit, it has the right to use a public-private partnership through Infrastructure Ontario.

The TTC had been designing the projects with a large staff and private consultants reporting to its management. But Metrolinx has signalled that it now plans to begin transitioning that work, including the private consultants, over to its own operations. TTC staff will be redeployed to other projects.

TTC chair Karen Stintz stressed that the issues raised in the report weren't about the transit system's intransigence.

"We felt it was our obligation to express our concerns and make sure people were aware that there are scheduling, construction and community impact concerns. But there's also recognition that this is a provincial project, it's a provincial accountability and it's being financed through Metrolinx," said the councillor for Eglinton-Lawrence. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Quoted

"We equally want to get shovels in the ground.... We are not averse to a new model."

TTC CEO Andy Byford to reporters, downplaying suggestions of a squabble between the TTC and Metrolinx

Who will operate the lines?

It is assumed the TTC will operate the new light-rail vehicles on Eglinton, Sheppard and Finch. The Scarborough RT is also to be converted to the same light-rail technology.

- But Councillor Peter Milczyn, who sits on the transit commission, got the board to agree to push Metrolinx for a firm discussion on whether or not it should operate the lines.

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A poster from a lovestruck Blue Jays fan hangs at the corner of Jones Avenue and Queen Street East.
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This boy-meets-girl tale has a not-so-storybook ending

Her name was Fiona. His, Jeff.

They apparently hit it off while sitting next to each other at the Blue Jays vs. New York Yankees game on Thursday, May 17.

We know this from the posters — some 30 handwritten sheets peppered around Leslieville, Jeff's home base, one of several casual details most likely disclosed during that fateful meeting — and the ad on Craigslist.

"Are you the Jeff I'm looking for?" the poster asked, before drawing on some key points (attended the aforementioned ball game; originally from Ottawa), so as to not confuse with other neighbourhood Jeffs.

The poster directed Jeff to contact Fiona at a carefully constructed email address containing both their given names, with his favourite type of music in the subject line.

The Craigslist post, as is often the case, was even more thorough.

"We were in the 500 level seats and we had the seats right next to each other. We both sat in a less crowded section and then got kicked out of where we originally sat," it read, proving that even true love can get bogged down in details.

"Please email me if you are him or know him!"

Alas, Jeff responded to Fiona. But only to tell her he's in a long-term relationship.

"I just wanted to find him and I did," Fiona wrote in an email to the Star.

And no one, not even the coldest of hearts, can fault her for trying. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Possibly more victims

Man took photos under women's skirts: Police

A man is facing a voyeurism charge after police allege a cellphone was used to photograph up women's skirts at a subway station.

Police allege a man followed females in the Eglinton station and took photographs or video by reaching under their skirts with his cellphone.

Eugene Couto, 35, of Tottenham, north of Toronto, has been charged with voyeurism. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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On Thursday, the body of Saint Maria Goretti, patron saint of young women, purity and rape victims, arrives in Toronto from her shrine in Nettuno, Italy, after a cross-Atlantic flight with stops in Montreal and Ottawa. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Radio station plays requests for SickKids Hospital

Listening to your favourite song can put a smile on someone else's face Thursday as Boom 97.3 is playing requests all day in an effort to raise funds for the SickKids Foundation in Toronto. From 6 a.m. to midnight, listeners can call in and request a song in exchange for a donation. **METRO**

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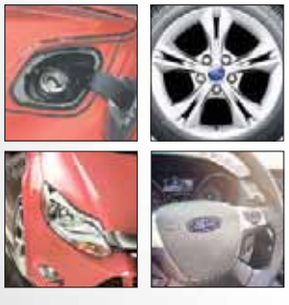

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Tory wants McGuinty to testify in Ornge probe

Dalton McGuinty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Questioning. Auditor general has criticized Grits for giving Ornge $730M over 5 years with virtually no oversight of how money was spent

Premier Dalton McGuinty is facing the prospect of being grilled about Ornge by a legislative committee investigating Ontario's troubled air-ambulance service.

Tory critic Frank Klees, who sits on the committee, said he'll put forward a motion to haul in the premier to testify.

The public needs to hear from McGuinty about Ornge, which is currently under a criminal probe for financial irregularities, he said.

McGuinty has "refused" to answer most questions about Ornge over the last few months, Klees added.

The premier wouldn't say Wednesday whether he would be willing to appear before the committee.

Quoted

"I think what's owed to the people of this province is a response from the premier, who ultimately is responsible for the decisions that are made in this government." Conservative MPP Frank Klees

"I would suggest that a confused public might pay attention to ... non-partisan, reliable officials in this matter," McGuinty told the legislature.

The public should also wait for the results of a police investigation of financial irregularities at Ornge, McGuinty added.

The air-ambulance service has been mired in controversy over high salaries, questionable business deals and allegations that public dollars may have been used for personal gain.

Klees also wants to know why Ornge's ousted CEO, Chris Mazza, was entrusted with an organization that receives millions a year from the province when he wasn't qualified or experienced enough to run it, according to the testimony of one former Ornge executive.

The committee has spent weeks trying to haul in Mazza for questioning.

It looks as though Mazza may appear before the committee on July 18, said NDP health critic France Gelinas.

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Shriya Shah-Klorfine, foreground, is shown at the summit of Mount Everest. The body of the Toronto woman, who died while returning from the summit of the mountain, is one step closer to returning home.

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Nepal. Everest climber's remains to be repatriated

A Toronto woman who died hours after reaching the summit of the world's tallest peak will eventually be laid to rest in the country she came to regard as home, her husband said Wednesday.

Bruce Klorfine said his wife, Shriya Shah-Klorfine, will be repatriated to Canada in the coming days.

Family members were able to proceed with funeral arrangements on Tuesday after a helicopter plucked her remains from the slopes of Mount Everest. It was the culmination of a complex recovery operation that saw five climbers slog through difficult conditions to bring her body down from the mountain's so-called death zone, an area named for its treacherous terrain and sparse oxygen supplies.

In a statement emailed to The Canadian Press, Klorfine said his wife's family members gathered at a temple in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu for a traditional funeral and cremation service shortly after her body was returned.

Her remains will be flown back to Canada, he said, adding she will also be honoured at a memorial service in the Toronto area.

"I am staying with the family in Kathmandu until next week, and observing the Hindu mourning traditions with them," Klorfine said.

Shah-Klorfine, 33, perished hours after fulfilling a long-held dream of reaching the peak of Mount Everest on May 19.

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Budget bill

Session extended at Queen's Park

Ontario politicians have agreed to postpone their summer break by at least a week as part of a deal to get the minority government's budget bill passed.

The legislature will add one extra week to the spring session, sitting until June 14, and will have to come back again towards the end of the month to pass the budget bill.

The Conservatives have been using stalling tactics in the legislature to protest the limited time available for hearings into the scandal at the Ornge air-ambulance service.

The Tories have agreed to abandon their protest in exchange for an extra six days of committee hearings into Ornge over the summer.

The NDP had been demanding more hearings into the budget bill, and are pleased the Liberals agreed to the extra week of sitting.

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The package that horrified PM's top aide

A grisly find. Tory staffer Jenni Byrne accepts a mystery delivery, opens it ... and unveils an incredible crime

Top Conservative party staffer Jenni Byrne, pictured Wednesday, opened a package that contained a human foot. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was a moment Jenni Byrne will never forget.

One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most senior staffers, she was handed a suspicious-looking package when it arrived at Conservative party headquarters just blocks from Parliament Hill.

Byrne warily examined the bloodstained box.

She opened it — and a foul, "horrible" odour escaped and overcame the office.

Inside, was a human foot.

And so began one of the most disturbing police investigations ever.

For after that shock for Byrne on Tuesday, Ottawa police, in a night-long investigation, found a hand at a Canada Post mail facility in the east end of the city.

"I'm fine," Byrne — the national campaign manager for the 2011 general election — said Wednesday as new details emerged about a crime that has horrified the capital.

Police said both packages were mailed from Montreal.

There, police had been grappling with a grisly find of their own — a human torso found stuffed into a suitcase.

They named a suspect in the case Wednesday afternoon and said all the body parts are from the same victim.

On Parliament Hill, rattled political staffers were keeping a close eye on the mail.

"Our sympathies go out to the staff at the Conservative offices who opened the package," said New Democrat MP Randall Garrison.

"Our thoughts are also with Canada Post employees who had to deal with the second package containing human remains.

"They were both victims of an outrageous and reprehensible act."

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Poop, pentagrams

MPs' mail has the stamp of hate

From poop to hate mail, MPs get alarming items delivered to their offices.

"I think human waste ... a few years ago when I was in opposition," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday when asked about his weirdest piece of mail.

"I remember we also got some weird, kooky craft, art thing with anti-Christ images and pentagrams."

Liberal MP Denis Coderre said he received faeces in the mail. He also was sent flour, "to try to make me think it was some other substance."

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Alleged kitten killings. Facebook alert named a Luka Rocco Magnotta

Long before a Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Luka Rocco Magnotta, a Facebook group lobbied to have a man by the same name arrested for allegedly killing kittens.

The group was created in response to a video that allegedly shows a kitten being killed in a vacuum-sealed bag.

Luka Rocco Magnotta is the name of a porn star wanted in the body-parts homicide.

On luka-magnotta.com, an article says Magnotta has been the victim of untrue allegations. "Many hoax websites are created using my image and name," the posting says.

The posting adds: "People need not be told, not to believe what they read and to take it as fact."

A member of the kitten group posted a statement on the Facebook page on Wednesday after learning about the human remains found in Ottawa and Montreal.

"Members of this group have spent over a year searching for this individual, who we believe is also responsible for several videos where animals were killed," the statement read.

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Martin Short plays it cool after Kathie Lee's on-air gaffe

A comedy of errors.
Today Show host asks Canadian comedian how his dead wife is doing, then tweets embarrassing apology

Kathie Lee Gifford
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Wednesday was an embarrassing day for Kathie Lee Gifford.

In what could very well be the gaffe of the year, Gifford made a humiliating mistake during an interview with actor Martin Short on The Today Show.

Then, she directed her apology to the wrong Martin Short.

During an interview with Short in the morning, Gifford led into what appeared to be an unscripted conversation with him by telling viewers that he has one of the happiest and best marriages in show biz. She went on to ask him, "How many years has it been for you guys?"

Short answered that he and his wife have been married for 36 years. Kathie Lee then playfully teased Short about how he and his wife are still in love and asked, "Why?"

Seems like a charming conversation when you leave out one glaring, elephant-in-the-room factor: Martin Short's wife, Nancy Dolman, died of ovarian cancer in 2010.

You wouldn't know it was a touchy subject by watching Short's composure during the awkward line of questioning. He answered with poise and handled it like a true professional without correcting Kathie Lee and making things even more awkward than they already were.

Once Gifford was alerted to her embarrassing error, she took to Twitter to clear the air.

The only problem with that, is @MartinShort is an account with only 81 followers and a history of just one obscure tweet from 2009. Since Martin Short has stated he has no interest in joining Twitter, we're assuming that @MartinShort is not his account.

We're sure Kathie Lee meant her apology, but we'd be quicker to forgive if it had been directed to the correct Martin Short.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Three-beaked baby bird found in backyard

A Northampton, Mass., woman made an unusual discovery in her yard — a deformed baby cardinal with two heads and three beaks. A scientist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society says animals with such abnormalities rarely survive birth, and added the deformities could have been caused by genetic or environmental factors. APRIL BRITT|THE DAILY HAMPTON GAZETTE

Dublin tribute concert

Myanmar opposition leader honoured

Bono will present Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi with Amnesty International's highest honour when she visits Dublin, Ireland next month as part of her first international tour in 24 years, the U2 singer and other organizers of an Irish tribute concert announced Wednesday.

Suu Kyi is scheduled to visit Dublin on June 18, a day after collecting her Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

Suu Kyi was awarded the prize in 1991, and Amnesty's Ambassador of Conscience award in 2009 but was unable to claim either award in person until now because she was under house arrest for 15 of the past 24 years.

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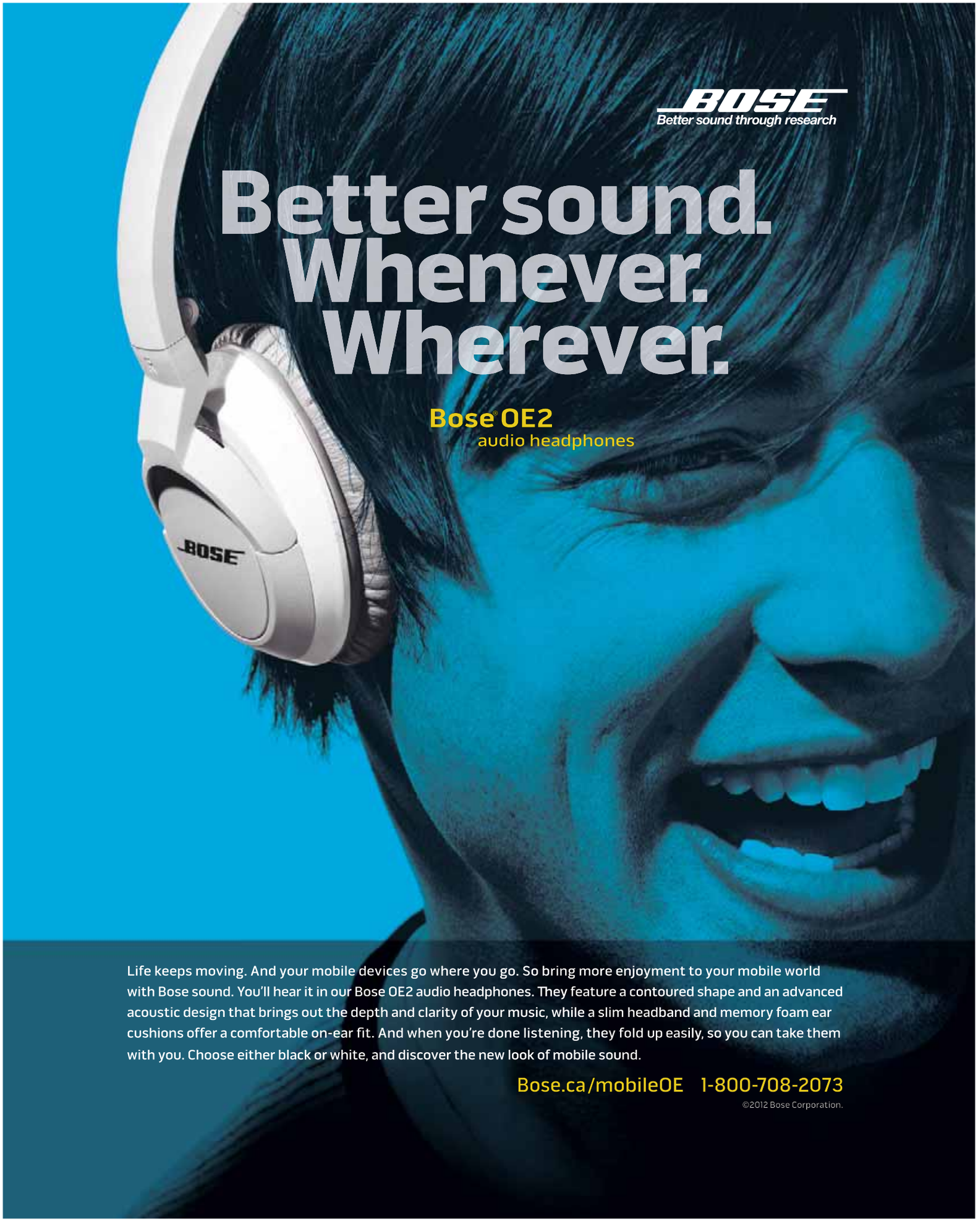
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Burnaby. Man suspected in double murder killed in police shootout

An armed man suspected in a double murder and an attempted murder in Burnaby, B.C., has been killed in a shootout with police.

RCMP caught up with 26-year-old Angus David Mitchell in Maple Ridge on Wednesday, about three hours after issuing a public warning about him.

Supt. Dave Walsh said Mitchell was shot in a confrontation with emergency response team officers in a rural area.

Police were called after reports that someone had seen a van believed to be owned by Mitchell.

RCMP said he was a suspect in the deaths of a man and woman who'd been gunned down in a restaurant on Sunday and in the shooting and wounding of his former landlord on Tuesday.

Police said Mitchell had been evicted from his home six months ago, around the time he came to legally possess a hunting rifle.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team couldn't say if there was a relationship between Mitchell and the two people who were gunned down in the restaurant. Pound said there are several factors that appear to link the two crimes, including a similar weapon, but forensics experts need to confirm that.

Angus David Mitchell
THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

Insp. Tim Shields said Mitchell wasn't known to police, although officers had once been called to a complaint involving him. Mitchell also had some conflict with former employers and co-workers, and Shields said police warned them Wednesday morning to be on the lookout for the armed and unstable man. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Drawing on a sense of humour

Jim Unger, the artist behind the syndicated cartoon strip Herman, has died at 75. Friend and fellow cartoonist Adrian Raeside says Unger had been feeling unwell for some time and died in his sleep at his home in Saanich, B.C. Born in London, England, Unger immigrated in 1968 to Canada, where his cartooning career began at the Mississauga Times in Mississauga, Ont. Herman became a syndicated cartoon in 1974, eventually appearing in newspapers around the world. Unger twice won the National Cartoonist Society's award for best syndicated panel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Downpour

Artworks damaged in Montreal storm

Hundreds of works of rare art have been damaged at Montreal's museum of contemporary art by heavy rains that flooded buildings and overwhelmed the city's aging infrastructure on Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Departure

Calgary Tory MP steps down

Calgary MP Lee Richardson, whose political connections to Ottawa extend back four decades, is quitting the House of Commons to work as Alberta Premier Alison Redford's primary secretary. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Discussions

Quebec tuition cut proposal rejected

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Webcam spy case. Man opts to start jail term while sentence appealed

A day after apologizing for the first time, an Indian-born man convicted of using a webcam to spy on his gay university roommate gave up his right to remain free Wednesday, while prosecutors appeal his 30-day jail sentence and ask for harsher punishment.

The case of Dharun Ravi focused national attention on the treatment of young gays and lesbians in U.S. society after the roommate, Tyler Clementi, killed himself when he learned about the spying. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dharun Ravi during a hearing in New Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday. GEOFF MULVIHILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air France

Report to shed light on crash

French investigators say the report into the causes of the Air France flight 447 crash will soon be published, three years after the jet went down in the mid-Atlantic, killing all 228 people aboard. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. election scandal

Jury still out in Edwards trial

The jury in the John Edwards campaign finance corruption trial faces its eighth day of deliberations. The former U.S. presidential candidate faces six charges involving nearly $1 million provided by two donors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norwegian mass killer acted alone: Police

Knights Templar. Breivik says he was a resistance fighter in a Europe-wide militant group, but no evidence has been found to support his claims

Norwegian police said Wednesday they are confident that confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik acted on his own in terror attacks last year that killed 77 people and that they found no evidence he belonged to a Europe-wide anti-Muslim network.

Breivik insisted a militant group "Knights Templar" exists and repeated a warning that it would attack within 15 months. "It will be proved within a year and three months because then a new attack will come," he told the Oslo District Court. He did not elaborate.

The 33-year-old extremist, who has made similar threats before, has confessed to the killings but denies criminal guilt, saying the victims had betrayed their country by embracing immigration.

Five officers who testified at Breivik's murder trial said they found no proof of anyone being complicit in his plans or helping him in any way in the bomb attack in central Oslo that killed eight people and the subsequent shooting spree that left 69 dead at a Labor Party youth retreat on Utoya island.

Chief investigator Kenneth Wilberg told the court that police were sure of their findings and that they also found no proof Breivik belonged to Knights Templar, as claimed by the killer.

Wilberg said 50 police officers were still investigating Breivik's attacks but that they did not expect to find new evidence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Nothing in our investigation supports that Knights Templar exists."
Kenneth Wilberg, chief investigator

Anders Behring Breivik has his handcuffs removed in an Oslo courtroom on Wednesday. HAAKON MOSVOLD LARSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Foie gras frenzy makes Calif. protesters choke

State ban looms. Ducks are force-fed to create a dining delicacy — and chefs can barely keep up with the high demand

Mouth-watering or just plain cruel? Foie gras shown here has been torched and made into a brulée at Sent Sovi restaurant in Saratoga, Calif.

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This is not a good time to be a duck with a fatty liver in California.

Chefs are loading their high-end menus with duck liver: terrine de foie gras, seared foie gras with mango chutney, foie gras salad and sweet foie gras for dessert.

And they are keeping secret the locations of their multi-course dinners to avoid animal-cruelty protesters.

The reason for the fuss? A July 1 ban on the production and sale of foie gras is looming in California.

Demand for the delicacy — created by force-feeding ducks through funnel-like tubes — has never been higher.

"The price has doubled. People are finding it hard to get it because the demand is so high," said Tracy Lee of the San Jose-based travelling dining service Dishcrawl, which has organized 15 secret, sold-out foie gras dinners.

Meanwhile, protesters in San Francisco and Los Angeles are staking out restaurants.

"Many people don't know what foie gras is or how it's produced and they're horrified when we tell them," said Dana Portnoy, who organizes San Francisco-area protests.

To the oohs and aaahs of about 30 diners, chef Josiah Slone hosted a seven-course foie gras feast at his Sent Sovi restaurant in Saratoga.

He started with arugula with foie gras vinaigrette, moved to foie gras mousse with tartufata and English peas and seared foie gras with savory rhubarb pie. For dessert: foie, peanut butter and chocolate.

Foie gras is made from liver swollen to 10 times its normal size. Ducks' livers become so engorged by the feeding process called "gavage" that the birds can't walk and have trouble breathing.

Gavage has been outlawed in a dozen countries including Israel, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and the U.K.

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Irony on the menu?

"High-end foodies and chefs stuffing down their throats excessive amounts of fatty liver from force-fed ducks in the run-up to the ban paint a pretty ironic picture."

Jennifer Fearing,
of the Humane Society of the United States

A new view of Venus

Look closely at this rare photo, taken in 2004. That tiny dot at top left is the planet Venus passing across the face of the sun, as viewed from the Philippines. On June 5, Venus will again pass across the sun, producing a view no one alive today will likely see again. Transits of Venus are very rare — June's transit won't be repeated until 2117.

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Whistle-blower case

Journalist charged in Israel

Israel's attorney general has announced the indictment of a journalist who reported on classified documents provided by a military whistle-blower. The ministry said that Uri Blau, a reporter for Haaretz, is charged with unauthorized possession of state secrets. The maximum sentence is seven years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massacre of villagers

UN's human-rights council meets to discuss Syria

A UN body will hold a special session Friday on the deteriorating situation in Syria and last week's massacre of more than 100 Syrian villagers.

The UN Human Rights Council said Wednesday its special session will address the massacre in Houla, Syria, which drew international condemnation and prompted the U.S. and at least a dozen other nations to expel Syrian diplomats.

The massacre has provoked strong global condemnation, but it is unlikely to trigger a military assault similar to last year's NATO-led campaign in Libya to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

A total of 51 nations — including France, Germany, Britain, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and 25 others signed their support for the session.

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Killing of 18 protesters

Egyptian cop gets five years

A court has convicted a policeman on charges of killing protesters during last year's uprising and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Mohammed el-Sunni was charged with taking part in the killing of 18 protesters in Cairo during the uprising that toppled dictator Hosni Mubarak.

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Italy to rebuild area hit by second deadly quake

A woman rides her bike amid debris in Cavezzo, northern Italy, Wednesday. Another quake struck the same area May 20. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emilia Romagna region. Second quake strikes northern Italy — towns of Mirandola, Medolla and Cavezzo closest to epicentre

Italian rescue workers removed the last earthquake victim from the rubble Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 17 as the government approved measures to rebuild the quake-hit area.

It's an area which is very crucial to Italy's economic health.

The magnitude-5.8 tremor north of Bologna on Tuesday felled old buildings and new factories and warehouses alike, many of them already weakened by a stronger quake May 20 that measured 6.0 and killed seven people.

In both quakes, the death toll consisted disproportionately of workers in factories, leading to some questions about Italy's building codes or possible corruption.

"I remember with sorrow the deaths in Emilia, who died while working, mostly workers but also entrepreneurs," said Interior Minister Anna Maria Cancellieri. Prime Minister Mario Monti has promised the government would do whatever is necessary to rebuild the region.

On Wednesday, the government approved measures, including raising the price of gas by .02 cents a litre, to begin the reconstruction.

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The quake-stricken area encompassing the northern cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna is prized for its super-car production (churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis), its world-famous Parmesan cheese, and, less well-known but critical to the economy, its machinery companies.

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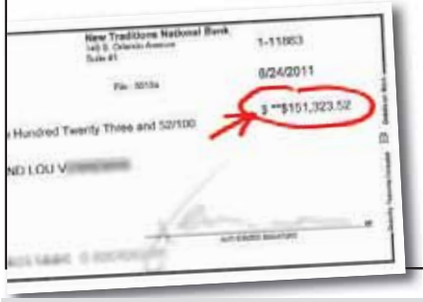

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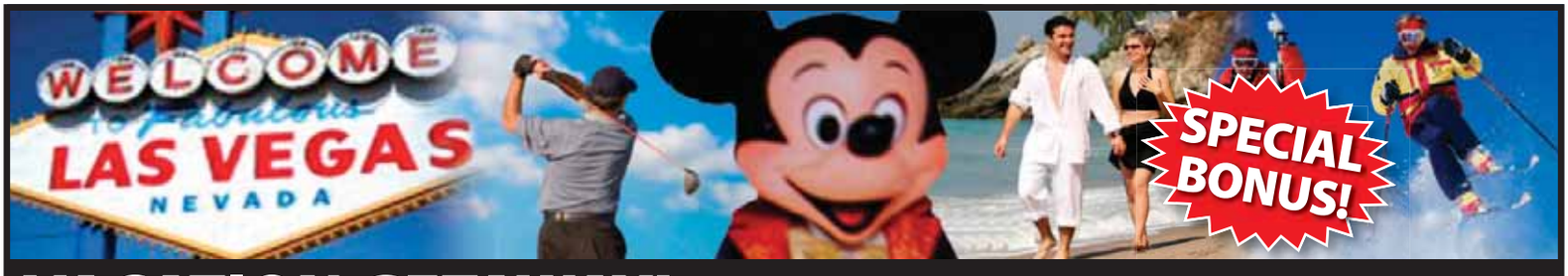

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Taylor handed 50 years in prison

Court ruling. Amputees in Sierra Leone rejoice at ex-warlord's sentencing

Amputees still struggling years after being mutilated by rebels in Sierra Leone hailed the decision at The Hague on Wednesday to sentence the man who backed those rebels, ex-Liberian president Charles Taylor, to 50 years in prison.

In a landmark ruling by the Special Court on Sierra Leone last month, Taylor became the first former head of state since the aftermath of World War II to be convicted. The 64-year-old Taylor was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels in Sierra Leone, who murdered and mutilated tens of thousands of people during this country's 11-year brutal civil war, which ended in 2002.

People maimed in the war gathered in the Sierra Leonean capital Wednesday to watch the proceedings of the Taylor trial via a live feed from The Hague, and rejoiced when judges in The Netherlands announced the 50-year sentence.

"That makes me the happiest person on Earth," said Alimami Kanu, whose right hand was hacked off by the RUF when he was 11 years old.

Siah Lebby, whose left leg was butchered by the rebels, said the tough sentence sends a strong signal. "After they have seen, they have seen what happened, all the people who want to do bad things again will be afraid."

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Justice

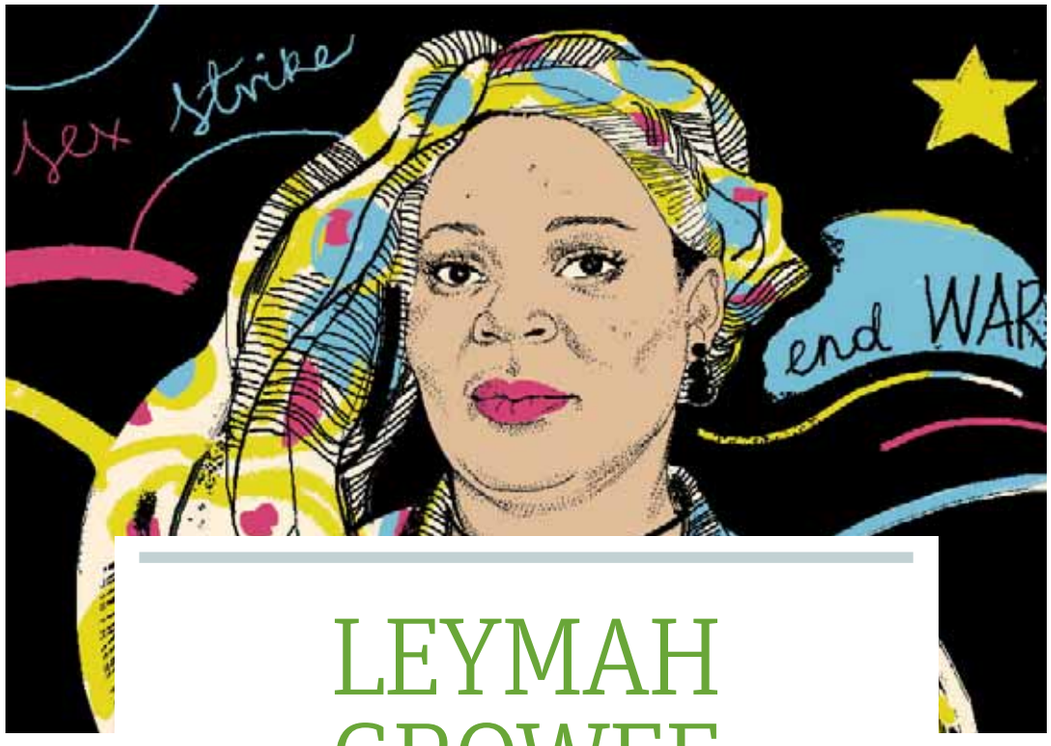
Liberians observe judgment

Taylor is an ex-warlord whose rebel forces invaded Liberia in 1989, marking the start of that country's vicious civil war. He eventually ran and was elected president, before being forced out by another rebel group. In Liberia, which shares a border with Sierra Leone, the irony has always been that Taylor is being tried for crimes he aided and abetted, rather than the ones that he is accused of directly carrying out in his own country.

In the Liberian capital of Monrovia, Suzanah Vaye watched the proceedings and hailed the sentence. Her husband was killed during the last days of Taylor's government in 2003. He was last seen in the hands of the ex-president's security force.

"Today, I join Sierra Leoneans in saying this should be a lesson to people that God has his own way of bringing judgment," Vaye said.

Former Liberian president Charles Taylor waits for the start of his sentencing in the courtroom of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Leidschendam, Netherlands, on Wednesday. TOUSSAINT KLUITERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



LEYMAH GBOWEE

Who said sex and politics don't mix? Led by Leymah Gbowee, a young mother, Liberian women went on a sex strike to end the country's brutal civil war. They were successful. Last year Gbowee won a Nobel Peace Prize for her campaign.

USING SEX AS A WEAPON

Leyma Gbowee calls herself an ordinary Liberian mother of six. But without her mass women's movement, Liberia's civil war would still be raging. Gbowee's "peace warriors" have given African women a higher profile, too — and Liberia's president is now a woman. But with the exception of former president Charles Taylor, Liberia's warlords remain free.

Charles Taylor is the first-ever head of state to be convicted by the International Criminal Court. Do you feel vindicated?
When someone has been terrorizing communities, and your community has been violated, of course you're relieved he has been convicted. It doesn't matter that Taylor has been convicted for war crimes he committed in Sierra Leone, not Liberia. We've waited for a long time, so we're happy. There's a sense that justice has finally been served, and that Taylor will pay for his crime.

Are sex strikes an effective strategy to end wars?
They're effective in the sense that they get people's attention. Sex is an exotic thing, and many people would say it's a taboo subject. But when someone dares to bring it to the attention of the public, it has two results. People start saying, "Who's this person doing this?" and they start asking why the person is using sex to highlight an issue. And it gets men thinking. There are a lot of good men out there! The percentage of men who wage war is very small. Good men outnumber evil men, but why are they silent? Our strategy helps the good men because it gives them a reason to take action.

So it's not the sex strike per se, but the support it gives good men, that makes it an effective strategy?
Yes. Every man is interested in the act of sex. We withheld sex from our spouses to get attention, and our husbands obviously noticed. We said, "We need you to take a stand." And they did.

How many other alleged Liberian war criminals are there who should also face justice?
That's the biggest debate in Liberia right now. Since Taylor's conviction there has been a lot of discussion about the role former warlords still play in Liberia. In the case of Prince Johnson, people are saying that he, too, should be brought to justice. We need to start the conversation about people's role in the Liberian civil war and what should be done with them.

Prince Johnson has since become a member of parliament in Liberia.
The difference in African politics versus politics in the West is that people tend to rally around their identity. Liberia is no exception. Some people, including myself, don't want a person who committed some of the worst atrocities in our civil war as a member of parliament, but if you ask the people of his tribe, they see him as a hero.

Madeleine Albright likes to say that the world wouldn't be a better place if women were in charge — it would be like high school all over again. Do you agree?
It would be a much better place than it is now. Are all men bad? No. But I think when it comes to world politics, women bring something uniquely different to the table. Men often have values and principles, but politics tends to override them. Politics isn't a popularity contest; it's about achieving lasting changes. That's what women are good at.

The Nobel Peace Prize can be a blessing — as in the case of Mother Theresa — or a curse. Which has it been for you?
For me it's a gift from God. I come from a very humble background, and I'd never have thought that something like this could come my way. I can never refer to any gift from God as a curse.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Leymah Gbowee

- **Age.** 40
- **Family.** Six children
- **Background.** Trauma counsellor; counselled warlord Charles Taylor's former child soldiers. Founded women's movement that helped end Liberia's civil war through protests and sex strikes.
- **In the news.** Founder and director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa. Won the Nobel Peace Prize last year. President Charles Taylor, whom Gbowee helped defeat, has just been convicted for war crimes by the Special Court for Sierra Leone in The Hague.

Pope says he's saddened, grateful amid scandal

Leak. Comments come after Pope's documents were found in his butler's apartment

Pope Benedict XVI broke his silence Wednesday over the leaked-documents scandal that has convulsed the Vatican, saying he was saddened by the betrayal but grateful to those aides who work faithfully and in silence to help him do his job.

Benedict made his first direct comments on the scandal in off-the-cuff remarks at the end of his weekly general audience. He lashed out at some of the media reports about the scandal, saying the "exaggerated" and "gratuitous" rumours had offered a false image of the Holy See.

The Italian media have been in a frenzy ever since the Pope's butler, Paolo Gabriele, was arrested last week after Vatican investigators discovered papal documents in his apartment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Difficult to explain

- **The motivations for the leaks remain unclear.** Some commentators say they appear designed to discredit Benedict's No. 2, the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Others say they're aimed at undermining the Vatican's efforts to become more financially transparent. Still others say they aim to show the 85-year-old Benedict's weakness in running the church.

Pope Benedict XVI gives his blessing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WikiLeaks. Assange loses extradition case

Britain's Supreme Court has endorsed the extradition of WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange to Sweden, an important turning point in the Internet activist's controversial career.

Assange, 40, has spent the better part of two years fighting attempts to send him to the Scandinavian nation, where he is accused of sex crimes. The U.K. end of that struggle appeared to come to a messy conclusion Wednesday, with the nation's highest court ruling five to two that the warrant seeking his arrest was properly issued — and Assange's lawyer arguing that the case should be reopened.

Supreme Court president Nicholas Phillips, speaking for the majority, acknowledged that Assange's case "has not been simple to resolve," but that the court had concluded that "the request for Mr. Assange's extradition has been lawfully made and his appeal against extradition is accordingly dismissed."

Assange won't be extradited immediately no matter what happens. His lawyer, Dinah Rose, stood up after the verdict to say that the decision was based on evidence that was not argued during the appeal and requested time to study the verdict further with an eye toward trying to reopen the case.

Phillips said he would give Rose two weeks to make her move.

Even if the Supreme Court refuses to reopen the case, Assange could appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, although extraction experts have said that route wasn't likely to block his removal to Sweden in the long run. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julian Assange THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand censorship

Webmaster gets 8-month suspended sentence for not removing comments

A court sentenced a Thai webmaster Wednesday to an eight-month suspended sentence for not moving quickly enough to delete online comments deemed insulting to the country's royalty in a case widely seen as a test of freedom of expression in Thailand.

While the ruling showed leniency, it also sent the message that Internet content in the Southeast Asian nation must be self-censored. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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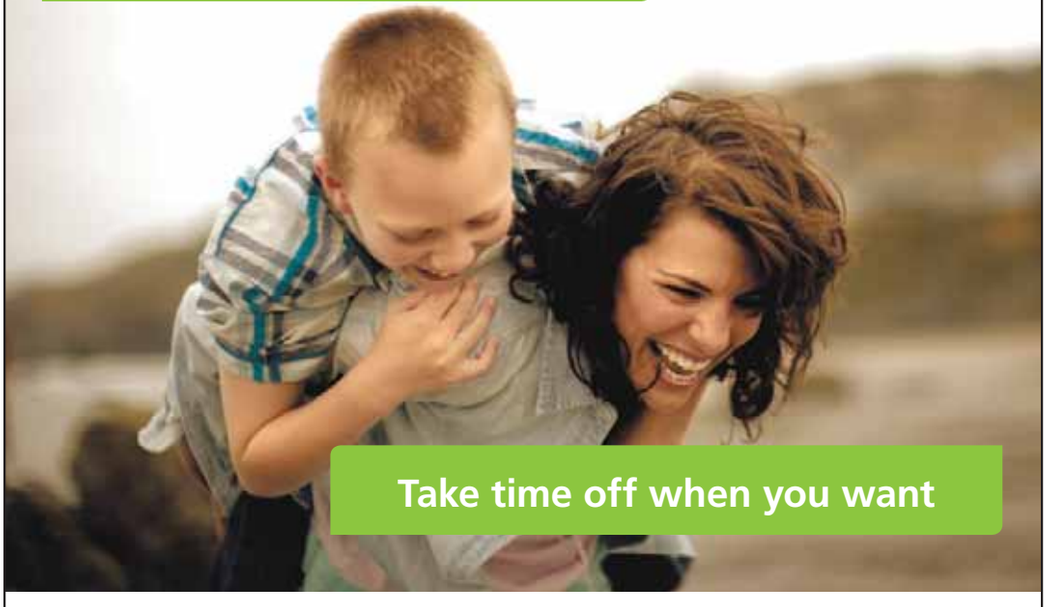

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Northern security

Ottawa considers Arctic drones

The Harper government is considering a proposal to buy at least three high-altitude, unmanned aerial vehicles in what could be an attempt to salvage its Arctic sovereignty ambitions.

The pitch was made by U.S. defence contractor Northrop Grumman and involves modifying its existing Global Hawk drone, which can operate at 20,000 metres, to meet the rigours of flying in the Far North.

Northrop Grumman declined to attach a price tag, but a source with knowledge of the file said the package could run between $150 million and $170 million for each drone, depending upon what kind of surveillance package the Royal Canadian Air Force wants.

The U.S. air force is considering selling some of its Global Hawks, which are still under construction, as part of military budget cuts.

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Diplomatic dispute

Canada quits UN body over Mugabe appointment

Canada is withdrawing from a United Nations body over the appointment of Robert Mugabe as a special tourism ambassador.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says the appointment of the Zimbabwean leader as international tourism ambassador symbolizes what is wrong with the UN.

Mugabe is currently under a European travel ban because of human rights abuses in his own country. His appointment is being made by the United Nations World Tourism Office.

In the House of Commons Wednesday, Baird called the move outrageous, and announced that Canada will be withdrawing from the tourism office next month.

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Rights groups call on Ottawa to apologize to UN official

Open letter. Foreign affairs minister's office dismisses criticism of Tories' attack on UN food envoy

A long list of human-rights groups, lawyers and activists wants the federal government to apologize for trashing the UN food envoy during his recent visit to Canada.

Signatories to an open letter include former NDP leader Ed Broadbent, former Progressive Conservative minister Flora Macdonald, as well as organizations such as Amnesty International.

Earlier this month, several cabinet ministers lashed out at the special rapporteur, Olivier De Schutter, after his trip across Canada led him to express "extremely severe" concerns about the ability of aboriginal people and families on social assistance to afford the food they need to stay healthy.

In an open letter issued Wednesday, more than 150 organizations and individuals say Ottawa is undermining the authority of the United Nations by publicly attacking its envoys to Canada.

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'Undermining' the UN

The letter points to personal attacks against De Schutter by Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and others, in which the ministers said the UN envoy's mission was "completely ridiculous."

- The letter says Canada can't argue for other countries to respect UN human-rights reviews unless it does so as well.
- The attack on De Schutter was not the first time the Conservatives have tried to undermine UN experts involved in Canadian policy, the letter adds.

A leg up for these lovers

A worker approaches the legs of a statue titled Unconditional Surrender as the artwork is dismantled from its spot alongside the USS Midway aircraft carrier museum on Wednesday in San Diego. Though the current version of the statue is being removed, the famous depiction of two navy sweethearts kissing on the San Diego waterfront will be replaced by a $1-million version in bronze. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lengthy recovery for face-chewing victim

Multiple surgeries. After gruesome attack, doctors say the biggest concern now for Miami's Ronald Poppo is infection from the injuries themselves.

A homeless man whose face was mostly chewed off in a bizarre, vicious attack faces a bigger threat from infection than from the injuries themselves, according to experts on facial reconstruction.

He will require months of treatment to rebuild his features and be permanently disfigured.

Though gruesome, such severe facial injuries are generally not life-threatening. The most serious risk to Ronald Poppo as he remained hospitalized Wednesday were germs that may have been introduced by the bites of the naked man who attacked him. One of the 65-year-old's eyes was also gouged out.

"The human mouth is basically filthy," said Dr. Seth Thaller, the chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

Real life horror

It's not clear why Ronald Poppo was attacked Saturday afternoon by 31-year-old Rudy Eugene alongside a busy highway.

- **Surveillance video shows Eugene pulling Poppo, stripping and pummelling him before appearing to lie on top of him.**
- **A witness to carnage.** A bystander alleged Eugene ripped at Poppo's face with his mouth and growled at a Miami police officer who ordered him to get off the homeless man. The officer shot and killed Eugene.

Rudy Eugene, 31, left, who police shot and killed as he ate the face of Ronald Poppo, 65, right, on Saturday. MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police union officials representing the officer said the scene on the MacArthur Causeway was one of the goriest they had ever seen.

"He had his face eaten down to his goatee. The forehead was just bone. No nose, no mouth," said Sgt. Armando Aguilar, president of the Miami Fraternal Order of Police.

Poppo has been in critical condition in recent days, but police didn't give an update on his condition Wednesday.

Thaller, who is not treating Poppo, and other plastic surgeons said the rebuilding of Poppo's face would happen in stages after doctors try to keep his wounds clean, salvage viable tissue and determine a plan for skin grafts. Protecting his remaining eye and maintaining an airway are priorities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fatal shootings

Seattle gunman commits suicide

A gunman who opened fire at a Seattle café Wednesday, killing three people, critically wounding two others and setting off a citywide manhunt apparently shot himself as officers closed in on him, authorities said.

Police searching for the suspect also had to respond to another fatal shooting after a man killed a woman in an apparent carjacking and fled in a black SUV. Authorities said late Wednesday they believe one man was responsible for both attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sexual-abuse coverup

Predator priests trial continues

Jurors in Philadelphia will have to decide — after closing arguments Thursday — whether the mild-mannered Monsignor William Lynn alone should be held criminally responsible for the alleged coverup of child sexual assaults by Catholic priests.

The late Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua made Monsignor Lynn his point person for the thankless job from 1992 to 2004, when Lynn served as secretary for clergy.

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Japanese produce first phone that monitors radiation

Technology. Softbank president says he was responding to concerns sent to the company after meltdowns at the Fukushima power plant

The Pantone 5 mobile device.
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Worries over radiation are so rampant in Japan after last year's nuclear meltdowns that the world's first cellphones with built-in radiation monitors are going on sale.

Softbank Corp., the carrier for the hit iPhone and iPad in Japan, says the Pantone 5 mobile device, which shows the microsieverts-per-hour number on a display at a push of a button, will go on sale in July. Pricing was not announced.

The tsunami last March in northeastern Japan set off meltdowns and explosions at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

Areas near the plant are a no-go zone. But "hotspots" have popped up in many places, including Tokyo. Many Japanese are worried, especially families with children.

Softbank president Masayoshi Son publicly opposes nuclear power after the disaster, and is an aggressive proponent of solar and other renewable energy. He said he was responding to concerns sent into the company, including requests on Twitter.

The device by Japanese electronics maker Sharp Corp. works like a dosimeter. It measures the radiation in one's surroundings, such as on the ground or in the air, in two minutes. It does not measure radiation in food or water.

People in parts of Fukushima are still being exposed to radiation higher than the one millisievert a year set as safe by Japan before the disaster. Studies have found that cancer risks rise at an annual exposure of 100 millsieverts or above.

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A double-decker bus is seen in downtown Baghdad on Wednesday. KHALID MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red buses back on Baghdad's streets

Return to normalcy. Double-decker buses bring back memories of a less turbulent time for city residents

Iraqis welcomed the return of red double-decker buses to Baghdad's streets this week, a colourful sign that the country is moving toward normalcy after a decade of war and sectarian violence.

Once a distinctive feature of the capital, the red buses disappeared from the streets after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and the looting and chaos that followed. Most of the old buses were either stolen or broke down.

Iraq recently bought 60 new double-decker buses from the Jordan-based manufacturer Elba House, said Hadif Omran, an official in a state-run transportation company.

"When I took the bus today, I felt that dear memories about Baghdad have come to reality," Mustafa Qassim, 55, a government employee, said Wednesday. "A nice part of Baghdad has been restored today." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Foreign Secretary visit

Mexico wants to expand temporary workers in Canada

Mexico wants to increase its foreign workforce in Canada, despite the Conservative government's new employment-insurance rules that aim to fill vacant jobs with unemployed Canadians instead. Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa pressed for the expansion of the temporary-workers program to sectors other than agriculture during a visit Wednesday to Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail

FGL Sports plans five-year expansion

Canadian Tire-owned FGL Sports plans an "aggressive" expansion of its most popular banners over the next five years while closing more than 100 under-performing stores operating under various names. The closures affect 115 corporate stores under such banners as Sport Mart and Athletes World. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Three people on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange display their BlackBerry smartphones on Wednesday. Research In Motion Ltd., the maker of the BlackBerry, is in a free fall. The company, once the crown jewel of the Canadian technology industry, is now worth one per cent of Apple's market capitalization. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM shares in steep decline

Research In Motion. Analysts take gloomy view of BlackBerry maker following forecast of loss, layoffs

A fresh batch of takeover speculation greeted BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion on Wednesday as analysts weighed in on the company's projected operating loss in the current quarter and its prospects for survival.

Shares of the Waterloo, Ont.-based company tumbled another 6.5 per cent, inching toward becoming a single-digit stock, after a statement from RIM late Tuesday said it hired two outside firms to advise on its troubled business and financial performance.

RIM was down 82 cents to close at $10.66 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins said competition is affecting sales of RIM smartphones, and that it would respond by reining in costs and cutting staff by unspecified numbers throughout the rest of the year.

But analysts are concerned about the speed at which RIM is reeling in expectations ahead of the rollout of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system later this year.

"I think it would be premature to write the company off, although I do believe Blackberry 10 has to be a very competitive product for the company to bounce," said Charlie Wolf, an analyst at Needham & Company in New York.

Quoted

"While buying this stock is like going to the casino, RIM does have over $4 per share of cash and intellectual property with a book value of about $6 per share. If you're feeling lucky, this stock might be worth a dice roll under $10 per share."

National Bank analyst Kris Thompson in a note titled RIM Blows Up in Q1, Recovery Unlikely, saying he considers the company up for sale.

Some analysts have also factored in RIM's dated inventory and restrained sales outlook, and responded by pulling back expectations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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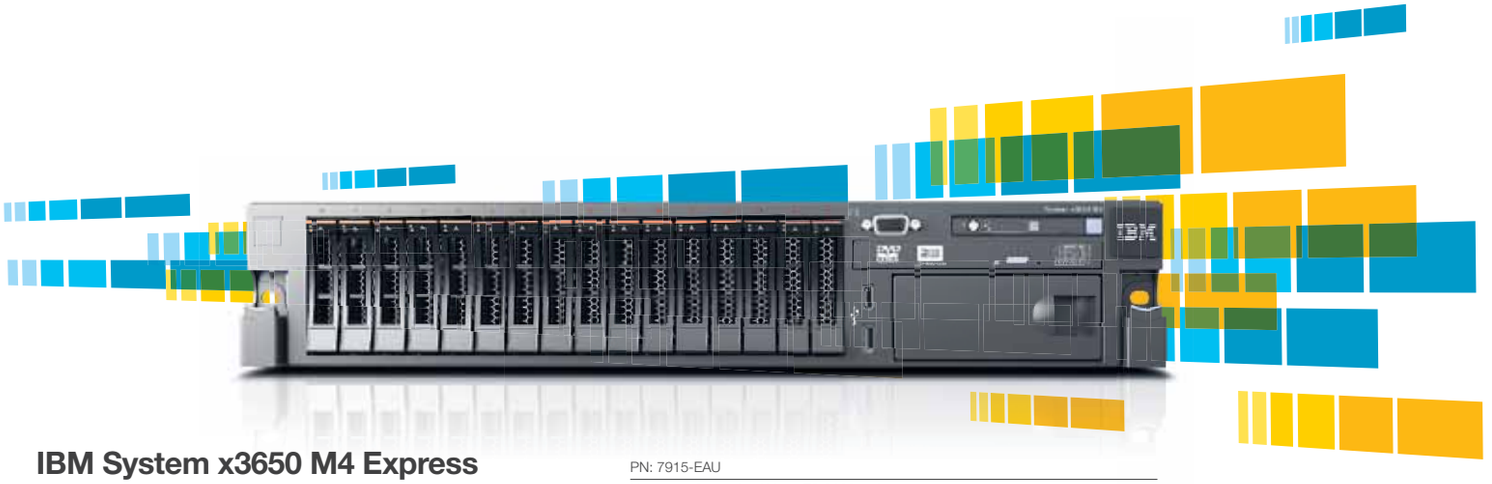

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I am ... Captain Incredulous! Defender of critical thought, wielder of common sense, saving the world from the Bible Thumper, Flim-Flam! and Dr. Alternative.

To enemies, "Skeptic" translates to closed-minded jerk who wouldn't recognize his spirit guide if it bit him on his chakra.

But we just want evidence. If you claim that God will help me find my apartment keys, or that my aura is the colour of Doritos, then I want questions answered. First and foremost: Do you bang your head often getting into cars?

Sorry. Captain Incredulous takes that back. I'm a poor spokesperson for the Skeptic Squad, as I have the same sense of restraint and tact as a U.S. presidential campaign.

This is my life, my curse. I must confront believers who say, "I feel sorry for you" and work with friends unaware of my secret identity as they compare star signs. The only "knocking on wood" I do is the repeated head-to-desk motion. It's the only way I keep from getting angry. Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me angry.

Many of you are aligned against me. But maybe you'll understand if you gaze upon some of my exciting adventures:

Captain Incredulous No. 1: The Family!

Trapped for two decades inside a nuclear family that forces him to church every Sunday, our hero discovers his powers when he turns on his captors and says: "Isn't it wrong of me to consume the body of your Lord when to me it's only ice-cream wafer?" Even the Mummy, with her powers of lay ministry, cannot deflect the logic blast. A new hero joins the Skeptic Squad!

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Captain Incredulous No. 7: Magnet Man!

Our hero suffers his first defeat when he meets Magnet Man, bearer of the Magnetic Bracelet. Hearing Magnet Man discuss the bracelet's powers with a bartender, Captain Incredulous forgets his logical weapons and instead blurts out, "Why don't you wear bunny ears?! It would have the same effect!" Captain Incredulous, met with stares and silence, slinks back to his corner of the Beer Cave.

Captain Incredulous No. 21: The Mayor!

The good captain is listening to radio transmissions when he hears his political leader, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, say, "I like astrology, folks. I follow the stars." Fighting off the overpowering urge to curl up into a ball and die, Captain Incredulous remembers the earlier lesson not to let his emotions defeat him. He decides it's nice that the mayor and many of the lefties who hate him have common ground to work from. I may host a summit.

But until then, what adventures await?

All I know for sure is that the skeptic's life is a difficult one, fraught with awkward family barbecues. It's thankless, but we have an unrelenting belief in mankind: That it will get sillier by the day. No doubt about it.

This jelly's par for the course

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Rooftop-patio golf

Just don't snack after putting

The roof of Selfridge's department store in London has become a jelly-themed golf course thanks to food architects Bompas & Parr. Ahead of the Queen's Jubilee, the nine-hole course features iconic British landmarks including Tower Bridge and Big Ben, all with an edible frosting. METRO

Urban oasis

"Adults find it hard to justify going to a theme park. We want to help people find pleasure in the city."

Sam Bompas, food architect.
Selfridge's has a long history of hedonism. In the 1930s the roof featured a golf course, pleasure garden and café. More recently, Bompas & Parr created a green boating lake there last year.

Bompas & Parr

- **Gasp!** One of the duo's first projects was a breathable cocktail made by vaporizing 600 litres of gin and tonic.
- **Rowing on punch:** In 2009, they flooded an 18th-century townhouse with 2,500 litres of Courvoisier punch and had their guests row across.
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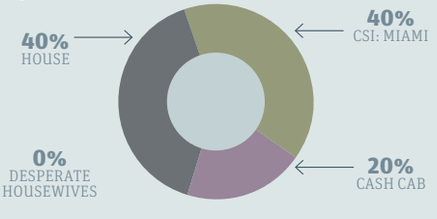

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@herseyd: Tonight's game 1 of stanley cup final will either be a rough and tough game or a total snoozefest. I'm thinkin the latter.

@ykashefi: Game plan for tonight: patio, wings, beer and awesome friends. I am excited.

@denisenhammond: In solidarity w Quebec students, #pse & #publicservices tonight i'm taking 2 toronto street 4 #Casseroles Night in Canada wearing red #ggi

@MsAmyMarks: Is Big Brother Canada casting?!?!? #askingforafriend

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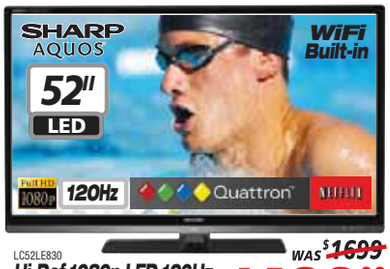

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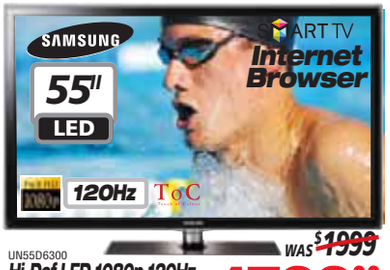

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Send in the clowns! Festival celebrates misread art form

Giving the circus favourite a home.
Since the city lost its hub for funny, two men got together to provide an annual platform for clowning in Toronto

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No the circus is not in town. But the Toronto Festival of Clowns is.

Now in its seventh year, the Festival of Clowns is the brainchild of Adam Lazarus and Dave Mckay, hatched after the break up of local "clowns of horror," Mump & Smoot, whose home base at Dupont and Bathurst had become a hub for Toronto's clown community.

"There was no home for these clowns anymore," explains Lazarus.

Looking to break the public perception of clowns as red-nosed children's entertainers, the Festival showcases the diverse range of the art form.

"Defining of what we consider clown is a big part of the festival," he says. "We're trying to push the boundaries."

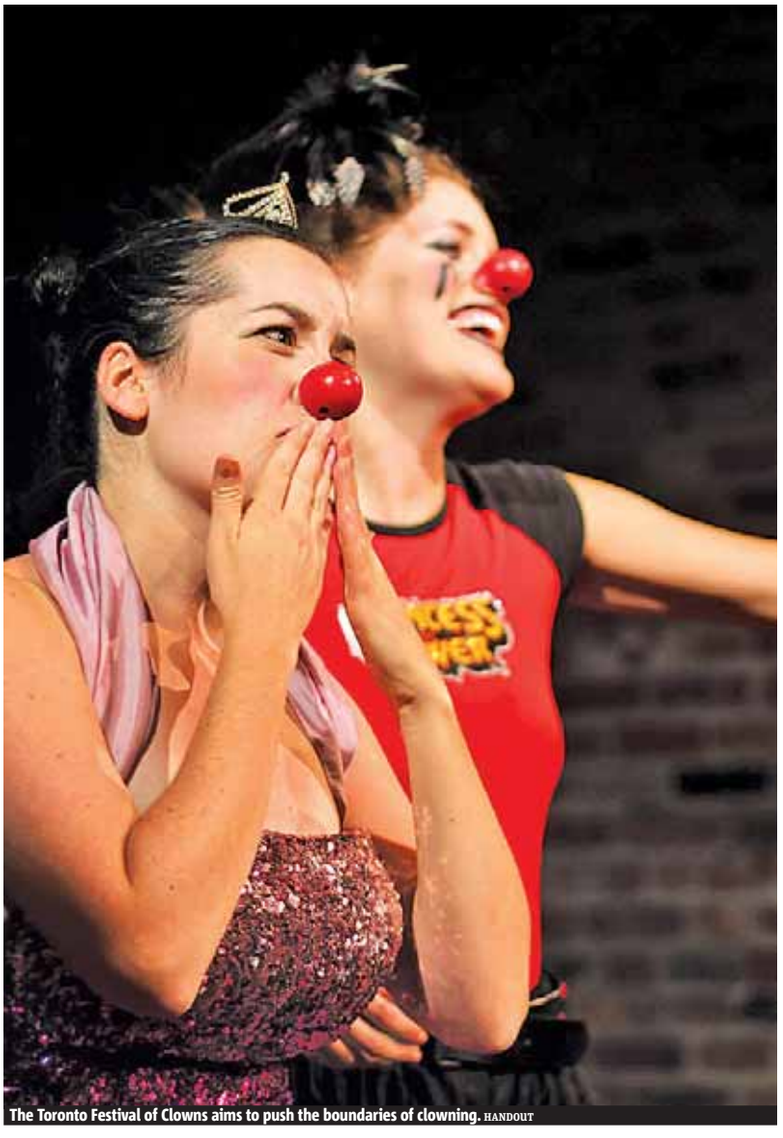
Many actors study clowning as part of their theatre training, using it as a tool to release something honest from within and theatre productions feature heavily in the fest's four-day schedule.

Lazurus, who works primarily in the bouffon form of clowning, is directing a trio of pieces.

Bouffon differs from traditional clowns in that their goal is to expose and accept people's flaws. They don't fully engage with the audience, as a regular clown might, but they're certainly aware the audience exists.

"Anytime you see satire, that's bouffon," he says. Even if they're not aware of it, people like Stephen Colbert have created bouffon characters.

"They come to make fun of those that have labeled them outcast."



The Toronto Festival of Clowns aims to push the boundaries of clowning. HANDOUT

Falling into funny

Fest founder finds his red nose in Paris

Lazarus never set out to become a clown. He fell into the form after graduating from theatre school and touring across the country as part of a show. Feeling "disheartened" he decided to attend Ecole Philippe Gaulier in Paris after seeing a show put on by past graduates, not realizing it was a clown school. "Over the course of three weeks this man changed my life," he says. Gaulier, who counts Sacha Baron Cohen and Roberto Benigni as past students, taught Lazarus that performance has to be personal.

"The more I'm willing to show my audience the better."

Christian Slater to shoot film in Regina

A Regina film company says actor Christian Slater will star in its new science-fiction thriller Stranded.

Officials with Minds Eye Entertainment say the movie is about a mysterious infection that contaminates a space station in the not too distant future. Filming begins July 3 at the Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios in Regina.

Stranded will be directed by Roger Christian, director of the John Travolta movie Battlefield Earth. Roger Christian is also a former production designer who was nominated for an Oscar for Alien and won an Academy Award for set direction on the original Star Wars.

Christian Slater has acted in dozens of television and film roles since the early 1980s, including hits such as Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves and Interview with a Vampire.

Minds Eye producer Kevin DeWalt said it is fortunate that Stranded was in place before the Saskatchewan government decided to cancel its Film Employment Tax Credit.

"It has been difficult raising financing for movies to be shot in Saskatchewan in the shadow of the current uncertainty surrounding the availability of local filming incentives in Saskatchewan past June 30, 2012," he said in a news release.

"We're fortunate for this one that the wheels were in motion long before this decision came down. Unfortunately on a go-forward basis, this lack of stability and support from the government is chasing away our investors on future projects shot in Saskatchewan."

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Christian Slater is set to star in the new sci-fi film Stranded. Filming begins on July 3. GETTY IMAGES

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Shaw won't pick up Talackova reality show

Shaw Media is stepping back from comments suggesting it plans to air a reality show about transgender beauty queen Jenna Talackova. Programming boss Barbara Williams said Wednesday morning the broadcaster had picked up a reality show about the leggy Vancouver blond. But later in the afternoon, a Shaw spokeswoman said Williams "misinterpreted" a reporter's question and that such a show "is not part of Lifetime's channel lineup and has not been commissioned by the network." Talackova made headlines around the world when she was initially prohibited from competing in the Miss Universe Canada pageant because she was born a man. Pageant boss Donald Trump ultimately allowed Talackova to compete in the Toronto pageant earlier this month, where she was cut after making the top 12.

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On the web

Men in Black 3 is in the black with $69.3M debut weekend; Avengers adds $47.2M

Could Prometheus be true?

Deep space mystery. Former head of SETI says we may discover alien life in the next two years

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

This summer, Earth is under attack. From action films like Prometheus and The Avengers, to comedies like Men In Black 3, aliens are appearing at the multiplex and threatening the fate of humanity.

But, not so fast, says the former director of the Center for SETI Research, Jill Tarter. The American astronomer believes that these films are just — duh — entertainment.

If extraterrestrial beings were to come to our world, they'd be so technologically advanced that they wouldn't need puny human slaves or our meager food. Plus, there's a giant possibility they wouldn't look like anything we've seen before — or could even think of.

"Whether our imagination is up to the task of really appreciating what nature might do somewhere else remains to be seen," Tarter told Metro World News. "Look at the body plan that evolved. Nature experimented and discarded some and modified other things. There are so many weird things on this planet that we are beginning to appreciate. I think that it might be weirder still from some other environment."

Prometheus, directed by Ridley Scott, hits theatres on June 8. HANDOUT

Most of Tarter's career with the non-profit SETI Institute — which stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — has been dedicated to examining the universe for other beings.

Tarter, who recently retired, will be discussing her ideas about the possibility of aliens alongside real astronauts and Hollywood sci-fi actors at the upcoming SETIcon on June 22-24 in Silicon Valley, Calif.

Tarter believes that humans will discover extra terrestrial life in the next two years. It's a valid question to ponder, especially because for thousands of years, humanity had to rely on priests and philosophers to tell them the "truth" about the universe. Now thanks to astronomy tools like the Kepler space observatory, we have discovered more than 2,000 extrasolar planet candidates to date. Many of them are similar to our home planet.

"We can almost taste the idea that Earth 2.0 is going to turn up in the near future," she said.

Recently, Tarter has been searching for signs of technology in the universe, using it as a proxy for intelligence. While she and her colleagues haven't found any spaceships or ray guns, Tarter doesn't believe that means we're all alone out there.

The data that shows that there isn't any life is also consistent with the possibility that there is abundant life out there.

"We haven't been searching for very long," she admitted.

Waterworks: Piranha 3DD a summer thrill

Q & A. Danielle Panabaker gives us the lowdown on playing Maddy, a marine biologist who fends off frightening cannibalistic fish

TODD GILCHRIST
Metro World News in Hollywood

Outwardly composed of scantily clad coeds colliding with animatronic fish, it's easy to assume that a movie like Piranha 3DD demands little from its actors.

But Danielle Panabaker has elevated playing the lead in a genre film to something of an art form, giving each film precisely what it needs while stretching acting muscles audiences haven't seen her use before.

In the eagerly awaited sequel to Alexandre Aja's 2010 bloodbath, Panabaker plays Maddy, a budding marine biologist pitted against a bloodthirsty horde of cannibalistic fish, and she somehow makes the whole thing seem like a lot of fun.

What sort of trepidations, if any, did you have about returning to horror after doing Friday the 13th and the Crazies?
When we were first taking a look at this film, my hope was that there would be a more comedic, lighter element that's definitely something I'm interested in exploring further.

Doing a little more comedy and being a little more lighthearted.

You sort of play the straight woman to all of the carnage, though.
You know, you're right. But hopefully audiences can relate to Maddy and go on this journey with her as she's discovering the piranha and interacting with all these kooky characters.

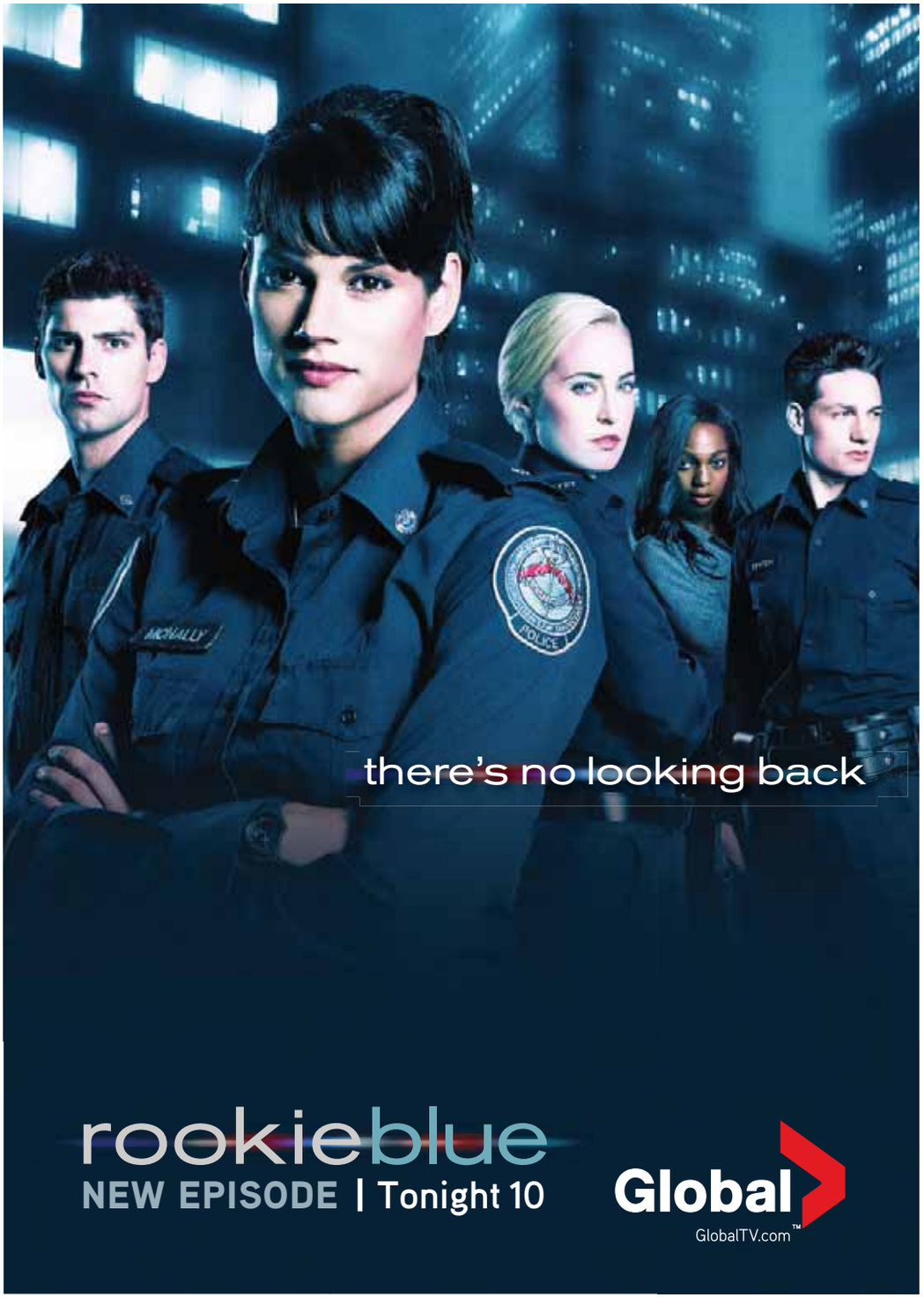
I think I get the best of both worlds.

The title highlights the film's focus — nudity and gore. Was there any concern that you might have to be nude in the film?
It wasn't appropriate for my character in this film. I'm certainly not opposed to it, but there was no question that I would not be taking my top off in this film.

How much do these films tap into your own fears when you're acting in them?
The most difficult thing for me is that I'm afraid of water. In my rush to get out to North Carolina, never once did it occur to me that I'd be spending days upon days in water. The first day we shot was at the lake and I remember standing at the edge of the lake in my underwear, so vulnerable, and about to do something that every bone in my body said do not do, and just being like, "Just suck it up, Panabaker! You're going in."

Did shooting the scene help you conquer your fear?
Oh, I'm still afraid of water. I learned to scuba a little bit and breathe off a respirator, but I'm still not interested.

Danielle Panabaker plays Maddy in Piranha 3DD. HANDOUT



New dramas set to hit Global this fall

Star-packed titles.
Heavy-hitting shows about Sherlock Holmes, firefighters and mobsters head to network

Marquee dramas about Sherlock Holmes, Chicago firefighters, Vegas mobsters and a renegade submarine crew anchor Global's upcoming primetime schedule.

Shaw Media says star-packed new titles include the modern day series Elementary, starring Jonny Lee Miller as NYPD Det. Sherlock Holmes and Lucy Liu as Dr. Joan Watson; the gritty '60s-era drama Vegas with Dennis Quaid as a war vet and Michael Chiklis as a ruthless Chicago gangster and the actioner Last Resort with Scott Speedman and Andre Braugher as members of a submarine crew forced to take refuge on an exotic, tropical island.

Quoted

"We're having huge success with our scripted shows all over the place."
Barbara Williams, Shaw Media

Content boss Barbara Williams is announcing the 2012-13 lineup today at a splashy event for advertisers featuring talk show host Ricki Lake and NCIS:LA star LL Cool J.

Rogers Media announced its comedy-filled lineup earlier this week while CTV is set to reveal its new slate tomorrow.

Global's fall comedy additions include Go On, starring Matthew Perry as a recently widowed sportscaster whose boss forces him to enter counselling and Guys with Kids, about three 30-something dads trying to hold on to their youth, starring Jesse Bradford, Zach Cregger and Anthony Anderson.

New daytime offerings include The Jeff Probst Show, a one-hour talk show led by the Survivor host and Lake's The Ricki Lake Show.

Williams says the schedule is anchored by top-tier evening dramas, including Chicago Fire, about life at an inner city firehouse written by Law & Order creator Dick Wolf.

Returning shows include Bomb Girls, Bones, Glee, Hawaii Five-0, The Good Wife, NCIS, NCIS: LA, The Office, The Simpsons, Rookie Blue, Touch and Survivor.

Midseason additions include the comedy Save Me, with Anne Heche as a woman who has a spiritual transformation and the reality series The Job, where contestants get the chance to win their dream job by taking a series of tests.

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Dog guru Justin Silver hosts the new show Dogs in the City. BRIAN FRIEDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Summer's new reality TV gone to the dogs

Canines catching on.
Man's best friend a television sensation

Summer television used to mean reruns. This year it's gone to the dogs.

Several new shows star dogs and their owners in need of help. CBS has the lone network show in Dogs in the City, starring comic, dog trainer and businessman Justin Silver. It's joined by documentaries on PBS and HBO and a series in the works for the Disney Channel, among others.

Each Wednesday at 8 p.m., beginning May 30, Silver will try to help hound and human tackle unsettling problems like joint custody after divorce or dealing with significant others who just moved in.

Is man or mutt usually to blame for problems? It's 50-50, he said, but "a dog's behaviour is shaped by the people in its life." Silver says he won't be the one solving problems, even though he jokes that he speaks dog. Instead, he will provide techniques and experiences so owners can fix their own problems.

"It's that old adage: give a man a fish and you'll fill his belly. Teach him how to fish and he'll never starve. I am teaching you how to fish. But no one learns how to fish perfectly in one hour. It takes constant practice."

If intervention is needed, he will call on his own pit bulls, Chiquita and Pacino. "I use my dogs as much as possible because the thing that influences dogs most is other balanced dogs," he said.

Dogs in the City seems to have a lot in common with The Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan on the National Geographic Channel and It's Me or the Dog with Victoria Stilwell on Animal Planet. Bad Dog! is another Animal Planet show, although it uses videotape to capture misbehaviour in a test of sorts to see how far an owner's love will stretch.

Documentaries airing in June explore the rewards and redemption of shelter dogs. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says between five and seven million companion animals enter shelters every year and between three and four million of them are euthanized.

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Robin Thicke in talented company

All in the family. R&B crooner's two-year-old son or actress wife could be a likely bet for a possible duet

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"She does a mean impression of Marilyn Monroe's Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend. But nobody is allowed to see that. That's just for daddy."

Robin Thicke on his wife's singing voice

Robin Thicke is a mentor on the new ABC singing series Duets, but the R&B crooner could find himself partnering on a song with his two-year-old son, or wife, actress Paula Patton.

Thicke says both his wife and son can sing.

Patton, whose film credits include Precious: based on the novel Push by Sapphire and Mission Impossible 3, sings a small part on a song Thicke produced for Usher, the slow groove Can U Handle It. It appears on Usher's Grammy-winning, 2004 effort Confessions, one of the last decade's top-selling albums.

"The song called for a female vocal, a very simple, more like a talk-whisper part and ... I said, 'Hey honey, you mind putting something down for me?'" he recalled. "And of course it turns out to be Usher's biggest album and one of the biggest albums of all-time."

Thicke, 35, said Patton would ask him, jokingly, to let her sing on songs he worked on. "She'd be like, 'Hey baby, can I just sing a little song just so I can hear my voice on tape?'" Thicke said. "And I was like, 'No! We're not starting that. We are not going to get into the you recording an album. Go find another producer if you want to do that.'"

Thicke says there are no plans for Patton to release her own music, though he admits: "She does a mean impression of Marilyn Monroe's Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend. But nobody is allowed to see that. That's just for daddy."

Patton gave birth to the couple's son, Julian Fuego Thicke, in 2010. Thicke says he also has singing skills.

"He has incredible pitch," Thicke said. "He wakes up every morning and before he even cries to be taken out of his crib, the first thing he does is sing. He just kind of lies there in his crib and sings songs for a little while."

Thicke says he's let his son tag along when he tapes Duets, which debuted last week and airs Thursdays at 8/7c. It also features Kelly Clarkson, John Legend and Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles, and each week the Grammy-winning singers perform duets with amateurs, one of whom will go on and win a recording contract.

Thicke, who came on the scene in 2003 with long hair and rock-influenced sound, is best known for No. 1 R&B hits like Lost Without You and Sex Therapy. He says it's hard to see himself onscreen: "I can't watch myself on anything for more than a few minutes. I'll never watch Duets — that's for sure. I'd watch it if I wasn't on it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robin Thicke and wife, actress Paula Patton. EVAN AGOSTINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blake doesn't need anybody's 'approval'

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to Gossip Girl, the show that made her a star.

"I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and it's like I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells Bullett magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch Gossip Girl for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience."

But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer?

"I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.

Former co-star accuses Fox of beating women

Matthew Fox

There seems to be no love lost between former Lost co-stars Dominic Monaghan and Matthew Fox. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often."

When another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

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Moves like Adam Levine

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Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and Voice judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (Natalie Portman), fluffy pop princesses (Jessica Simpson, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (Anne Vyalitsyna).

Is he cute and talented in a non-threatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating resumé is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with Details magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—g misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is Moves Like Jagger? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.

Prince Harry. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry has a job opening

When Prince William sat down with Katie Couric for an interview, he said what recently married Royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm just very keen to have a family, and both Catherine and I are looking forward to having a family in the future."

But more surprising is what younger brother Harry shared.

"I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to let Donald Trump touch them.

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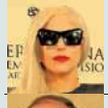

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Fashion Flash

Oh C-Ann-ada!

Ann Taylor is heading north of the border as the retail chain opens its first international locations outside the U.S. The New-York-based retailer announced on Thursday it will open two locations in Toronto this fall. With 274 stores across the U.S., the company says its expansion into Canada marks the first step in growing the brand's global presence. "We are pleased by the strong awareness Ann Taylor already enjoys in Canada and look forward to offering our Canadian customers great fashion, quality and value in a new, exciting and aspirational shopping environment," brand president Brian Lynch said in a release. Michelle Obama, Angelina Jolie and Canada's Rachel McAdams are among the famous faces who have been seen sporting items from the brand.

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On the Web

Designers in 1st Soweto Fashion Week inspired by South African township's creativity, history

Iris van Herpen: The queen of sculpture

The future of fashion. Metro chats with up-and-coming style star Iris van Herpen about designing, fame and going Gaga

FEDERICO GEREMEI
Metro World News in Italy

She's shy, she doesn't say much, but she does know what she's doing. We meet Iris van Herpen — a 27-year-old Dutch fashion designer — at the IED (Istituto Europeo di Design) in Rome.

Thanks to her organic and visionary creations, she's quickly risen to fame amongst international talents. Iris' hand-made 3D "sculpture-like" dresses can be found in top museums all over the world.

Not bad for a girl who once had a dream of becoming a ballet dancer.

You're labeled "the architect of fashion", who's your inspiration?

I've never heard anyone refer to me using that expression. Indeed, architecture is a source of inspiration for me, but I am first of all a fashion designer. I work a lot with Isaie Bloch (a Belgian architect who focuses on 3D printing), there's a great synergy between us.

What does fashion represent for you?

Fashion expresses my own identity. It's a mix of my tastes, mood and cultural background.

You've worked with Viktor & Rolf and Alexander McQueen, your icon. Any lessons learned?

I learned to be patient when working, I also learned a lot from his staff, having worked with them on a daily basis.

Floating down the runway

"I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show."
Iris van Herpen
Fashion designer

Designer Iris van Herpen, left, and a model walk the catwalk at the Iris van Herpen Show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin Spring/Summer 2012 GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

You've come up with creations for Lady Gaga's and Bjork's performances. What do you think about them?

They're not just singers, they're total artists — two amazing performers. Yet, they are so different.

What do you like about Lady Gaga?

I love that she's completely unpredictable.

And Bjork?

It's hard to express in words but Bjork's music and her way of communicating touches me deep inside.

What do they love about your work?

When I work on a new creation, I focus on finding and conceiving a specific personal identity, something that belongs to the person who is going to wear it. We all have our own individual personality, nothing is fixed nor immutable. Performers such as Lady Gaga and Bjork also rely on dresses – such as the designs that I produce – in order to express all aspects of their personality to the audience."

You are only 27, but you're already incredibly successful. How do you cope with all this at your age?

Everything goes so fast and I am trying to live it all day by day.

Have you always had a clear mind-set, in terms of your goals and ambitions for the future?

No, when I was a kid I wanted to be a ballet dancer. Dance inspired me for a while but at some time – I can't recall when it happened – fashion became my greatest passion.

Any projects in the pipeline?

I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show.

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Lady Gaga in Iris Van Herpen.
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The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

James Keays-Huyler
Account Executive
Age: 28

What he's wearing:
Joe Fresh denim shirt, H&M grey cardigan, Marc by Marc Jacobs leather satchel, H&M burgundy chinos, Aldo high-top sneakers, Nixon flamingo pink watch, Joe Fresh sunglasses, Toronto Blue Jays fitted hat.

His inspiration:
"I like to be comfortable yet on trend, hence the pop of colour in the pant and mixing of different textiles like denim and leather. A lot of my favourites are from Joe Fresh; I wear a lot of their pieces."

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How to soothe your sensitive skin

Managing your mug.
Take care of your skin this summer with these handy tips from an expert

"In my practice one of the most common problems I see in patients is sensitive skin," says Toronto dermatologist Dr. Rajan. Here are Rajan's top tips for caring for sensitive skin.

Do a patch test first
If your skin is extremely sensitive, you should always patch test a new product on a small, inconspicuous area before using it on larger areas. You don't want to risk having a reaction all over your face, so test the new product and wait at least 24 to 48 hours to ensure you don't react.

New products
Introduce new products into your skin-care regime one at a time so you can check for any adverse reactions. If you try more than one new product at a time and have a reaction you won't be able to know which one it was and could risk eliminating a product from your regime that is actually gentle for your skin.

Hands off
Even when your hands are clean they can transfer dirt, oils, and other potentially harsh irritants to your face — so try to cut down on the amount of times you touch your face.

If your face itches or you need to wipe it, try using a clean tissue or cleansing wipe. Some wipes, like those in the Simple brand line, are specifically formulated for sensitive skin with no harsh ingredients.

So if you need to touch your face you can do it knowing no dirt or oils will be transferred that could irritate your skin.

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Sporting style

Gonna make you sweat. Now's the time to limber up for summer in this season's most chilled out trends

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

The Olympic buzz clearly got the designers thinking about how they could rework and ramp up the sportswear cool factor for spring/summer 2012. Of course, the ultimate spectacle would be seeing athletes kitted out in head-to-toe runway looks, competing in the shimmering looks of Givenchy and honored with Vivienne Westwood's Grecian-esque laurel wreath.

But alas, that's not the case. However, there are a number of designs that vault the divide between fashionable whimsy and trackside readiness. Take for instance, the diffusion line Kidda, by the emerging men's wear designer Christopher Shannon, which is both progressive and practical — a rare thing indeed.

Here, we take a look at the pieces that'll work as part of a pared-down sporty wardrobe.

But beware, some of the looks, namely the shorts, are likely to cause a stir amongst traditionalists!

Christopher Shannon KIDDA paisley print tank

$84, asos.com

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Get a kick out of these

Footie players love to cause a scene from on-pitch tantrums to off-field affairs and a whole host of fashion faux pas to boot. We take a look at 40 years of Euro (sometimes trash) football fashions.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Giancarlo Antognoni

Team. Italy

Date. June 1976

Location. Rome, Italy

A big 'do and bristling chest hair, it can only be the Seventies. Italy's elegant, midfield playmaker looks like he's only one hair flick away from landing himself a L'Oreal campaign.

Ruud Gullit

Team. Holland

Date. June 1988

Location. Munich, Germany

Two words: Short shorts. Ruud Gullit and the rest of the class of '88 are all sporting their briefs – or that's what it looks like. Clearly, the ball-crushingly tight shorts didn't cause a blow to this man's sperm count. The dreadlocked Dutchman has fathered six kids by three different women.

Paul Gascoigne

Team. England

Date. June 1996

Location. London, England

Who can forget Gazza's bleach blonde, cropped hair? The Brit pop look of baggy tees made its way onto the football field. Shirts stayed tucked – for the most part – but things were loosening up down below.

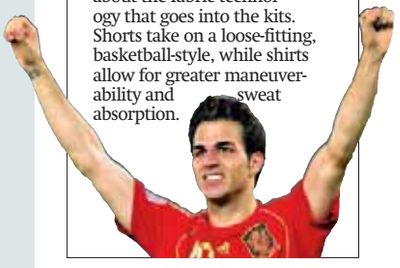
Cesc Fabregas

Team. Spain

Date. June 2008

Location: Vienna, Austria

Footie just got technical. Yes, the offside rule is still baffling but we're in fact talking about the fabric technology that goes into the kits. Shorts take on a loose-fitting, basketball-style, while shirts allow for greater maneuverability and sweat absorption.



Artem Milevskiy

Team. Ukraine

Date. Euro 2012

Location. Ukraine

The Ukraine goes bold and bright in banana yellow. The latest edition features design touches such as the national flag along the collar and the slogan "Go, Ukraine!" Good will aside, Adidas' innovations include TechFit to prevent energy loss; ClimaCool maintains a microclimate and ForMotion offers precision mobility. We warned you that the game was getting techy!

Get booted

If you're looking for better ball control, you'd best get yourself a pair of Predator Lethal Zones. Yep, the name resembles a smart bomb and the thinking is that you'll blow the opposition away. Oh and the technobabble continues with miCoach, which allows players or maybe a computer geek to wirelessly transfer stats, such as distance, sprint count and maximum speed to a mobile phone or PC. (available June 2012), adidas.com

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Bare your belly

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TINA CHADHA
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She has a great sense of style. I say, conservative chic!

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Classic and dignified.

@Jeanne_Beker: And what about the Queen's hats? Love the consistent style statement. Would YOU wear a hat?

@ReelRoula
Hats are cool @Jeanne_Beker but I looove fascinators!

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YES! Would love a reason to!

@Jeanne_Beker: 1951 photo of Phillip + Elizabeth, under @TheHudsonsBayCo blanket, in my room at St. Anne"s Spa

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been obsessed with the Royals forever – even wore a fascinator to my bro's wedding – designed by David Dunkley (KC Hats) in T.O.

@Jeanne_Beker: With the brilliant Parkinson's researcher Dr. Tony Lang....

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A match made in style heaven

I do! Richard Nicoll and Topshop enter virgin territory with their debut bridal collection

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Looking to be simply stylish on your wedding day? TOPSHOP

Here comes the high-street bride as designer Richard Nicoll lifts the veil on his Topshop collection.

"I wanted to offer a younger, cooler alternative to meringue culture," says Nicoll of his first foray into bridal wear.

The feminine collection, available on June 22, consists of seven pieces from short slips to full-length, blush pink-styles in lace and silk.

The question is: How many brides really want to go down the aisle in a piece of modestly priced ($190 to $700) high street clothing? There's the rub.

However, we are nevertheless in a recession and the London-born designer's "Blushing Brides" breezy, capsule collection could easily work for bridesmaids or as cocktail dresses.

Cool intentions

"I wanted to offer a younger, cooler alternative to meringue culture."
Richard Nicoll
Topshop

Cute, yes, but the collaboration doesn't mark a change in career track for Nicoll, who's been dubbed King of the Blouse thanks to his reworking of classic shirting with touches such as peplums, stripes or dots.

The designer candidly told Vogue.co.uk: "Of course I'm happy to make them on request but I'm not the new Vera Wang, no!"

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Experience Egyptian street food with this easy koshary

This recipe serves eight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. In a medium saucepan over high heat, bring 3 cups of water to a boil. Add rice, cover pan, then reduce heat to simmer. Cook for 20 minutes. When the rice is done, fluff with fork, cover and set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium-high, heat 1 tbsp of the oil. Add garlic, cumin, cayenne and ginger, then heat for 30 seconds. Add the diced tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer.

3. While the tomatoes simmer, heat remaining oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté until starting to brown, about 6 minutes. Add the pasta and continue to sauté until the pasta begins to brown, about another 5 to 6 minutes.

4. Stir the chickpeas, lentils and 4 cups of water into the pasta mixture. Bring to a simmer. Cook until the water is absorbed and the pasta is tender. If needed, add additional water one-quarter cup at a time until the pasta is cooked. Season the pasta mixture with salt and pepper. Season the tomato mixture with a splash or two of vinegar and a bit of salt.

5. To serve, make a pile of rice on each serving plate. Spoon some of the pasta mixture over the rice, then ladle the tomato sauce over that.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups basmati rice
- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp ground dry ginger
- 28-oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 12 oz elbow or ditalini pasta
- 15-oz can chickpeas, drained
- Half of a 15-oz can brown lentils, drained
- 4 cups water
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Cider vinegar

Spring Green Soup. This chilled dish is perfect for lunch on a hot day

1. In large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add shallots and cook until softened, about 4 minutes. Add rice and stir for 1 minute. Add stock and salt and bring to a boil. Simmer, partially covered, until rice is tender.

2. Stir in spinach, peas, lettuce and green onion; simmer 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool. In blender, puree soup until smooth. Return to saucepan and stir in half of mint. Reheat until steaming. Garnish with creme fraîche and remaining mint.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) basmati rice
- 1.25 ml (5 cups) vegetable stock
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) baby spinach
- 250 ml (1 cup) green peas (fresh or frozen)
- 1 head Boston lettuce, chopped
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh mint, divided
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) creme fraîche

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There's more to pomegranates than health drinks and fancy cocktails

Are you over the pomegranate trend yet?

If so, you might want to revisit it once more. This time it's pomegranate molasses, a thick, syrupy concentrate that is sweet and tart and as delicious as it sounds.

If you take the unsweetened juice and boil it down until it is thick and syrupy, you have pomegranate molasses, a popular flavouring in Middle Eastern cooking. Pomegranate molasses once was unheard of outside of ethnic markets, but today can be found in the international aisle of most larger grocers.

And if you can't find it, it's easy enough to make. Buy a bottle of pomegranate juice (or juice concentrate), then boil it until it has reduced and become thick.

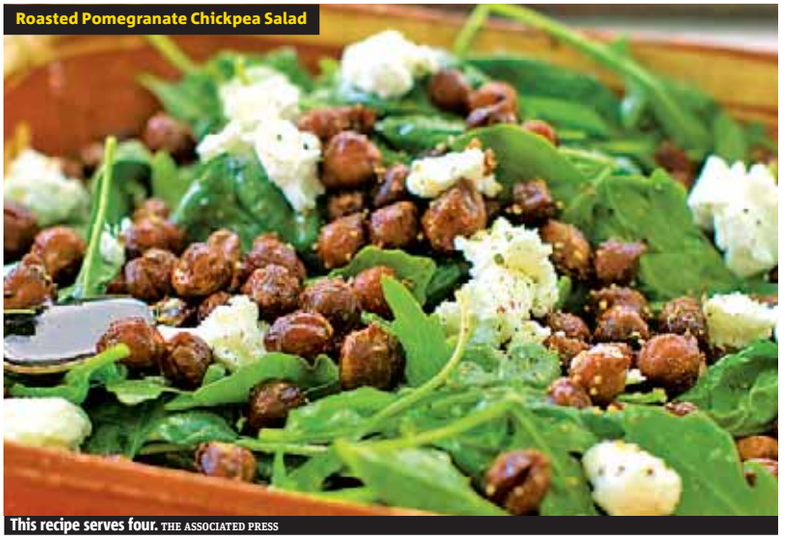
The thick, deep-red syrup has an intensely sweet-tart flavour that pairs surprisingly well with savoury dishes, especially grilled meats. Pomegranate molasses and walnuts are a classic flavouring for poultry.

Opened bottles can be refrigerated for long periods. But it's not likely to sit around for long. You don't need to love Middle Eastern food to love what pomegranate molasses can do for the foods you already love.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp pomegranate molasses
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 15-oz cans chickpeas, drained
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- Ground black pepper
- 4 cups arugula
- 2 cups baby spinach
- Kosher salt
- 4-oz log soft goat cheese

Roasted Pomegranate Chickpea Salad



This recipe serves four. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the pomegranate molasses, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas and toss to coat evenly. Arrange the chickpeas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the chickpeas are dried and starting to get crunchy. Remove the chickpeas from the oven and set aside to cool.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together olive oil and lemon juice. Season with pepper, then add the arugula and spinach. Toss to coat.

4. Divide the greens between four serving plates, then sprinkle each with kosher salt. Divide the chickpeas between the salads, then top with crumbled goat cheese.

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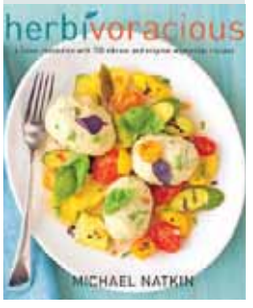
Book review

Recipes for the savvy herbivore

Michael Natkin's Herbivoracious and its 150 recipes usher in a new generation of meatless cooking. With 80 colour photos, Natkin illustrates how vegetarian food can be intensely flavoured in a way that will appeal to readers with a sophisticated and adventurous global palate.

The author provides advice on how to craft vegetarian meals that deliver nutrients and complementary flavours. Among the recipes are: Portobello and Summer Squash Lasagna, Jamaican Rice and Peas, and Chocolate Chunk Bread Pudding. METRO



Rhubarb gets decadent with dulce de leche

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) graham wafer crumbs
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) prepared dulce de leche or caramel sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) softened vanilla ice cream
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chopped fresh rhubarb (cut in pieces)
- 1 apple
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) liquid honey
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla

Rhubarb Apple Ice Cream Cakes

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dulce de leche, a thick, caramel-like spread, is popular in South American desserts. These individual ice-cream cakes incorporate dulce de leche and are topped with honey-coated roasted rhubarb and apples. For extra decadence, drizzle with additional warmed dulce de leche.

1. Line 6 muffin cups with paper liners. Spoon 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of the crumbs, then 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) of the dulce de leche into each cup. Spoon in ice cream, packing lightly; smooth tops. Spread remaining dulce de leche on top; sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Cover and freeze until firm, about two hours or for up to two days.

2. Sauce: In a shallow 2-litre (8-cup) glass baking dish, combine rhubarb, apple and honey; bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 25 minutes or until apples are tender. Add vanilla with a potato masher, crushing fruit. Let cool until warm or cover and refrigerate until cold.

3. To serve, divide half of the sauce among individual dishes. Remove liners from ice cream cakes and place ice cream on sauce. Spoon remaining sauce over top.

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Rooftop surfing

Condo construction under control

PAUL GOLINI JR. Chair of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and can be found at twitter.com/bildgta), (facebook.com/bildgta), and bildblogs.ca.

It seems that BILD's latest news release stirred up some questions about the health of the highrise market, so I'm going to start this column by offering my outlook on the real estate situation in the GTA.

Sales of new condominium units took a dip in April, down about 20 per cent from 2011 — a year that saw more than 28,000 condominiums sold in the GTA.

It was the beginning of the shift towards highrise living as more and more people moved closer to the downtown core in favour of more affordable, amenity-filled living.

We are talking, of course, about a banner year. A year that brought 165,000 jobs into the GTA while generating $8.6 billion in wages and $1.6 billion in tax revenue for the federal and provincial governments. While it was a great year for our industry and our economy, the time has come for a healthy normalization.

The 3,121 highrise units sold in the GTA in April is the second-highest total ever recorded, and the first sign of a steady, necessary correction for stability in our market.

With fewer launches in April, our industry is showing discipline as we control the flow of new condos and projects entering the market.

Having said that, recent trends have shown a need for approximately 40,000 new homes each year to satisfy the demand from new residents coming into the GTA and new household formations.

With 205 highrise projects currently under construction in the city of Toronto alone, we hope to satisfy that demand while ensuring that the market remains stable, with no major corrections to sales or pricing.

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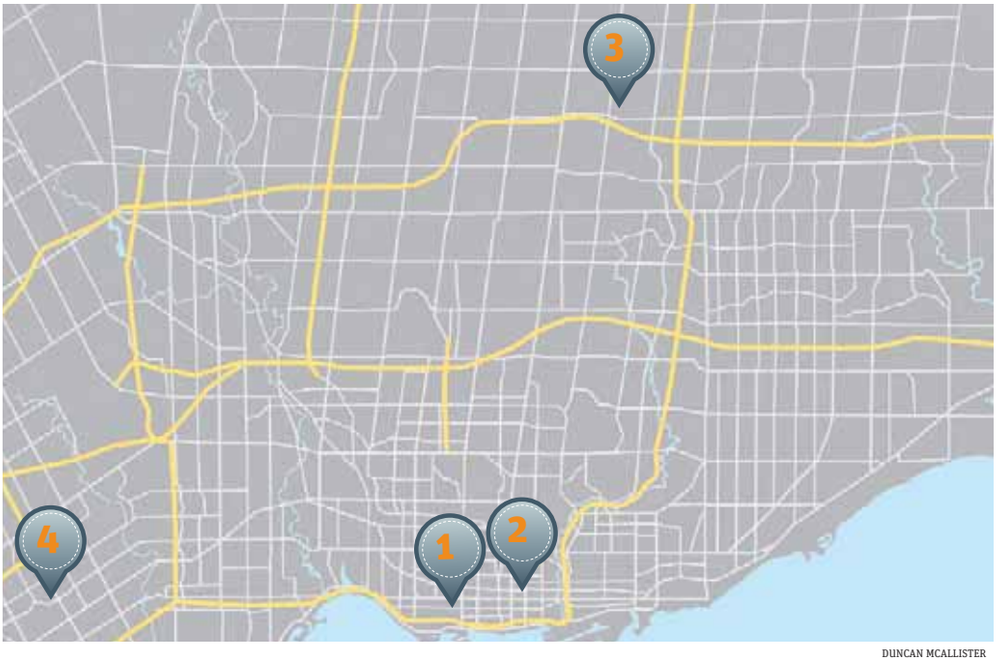
What's hot in condos this week:



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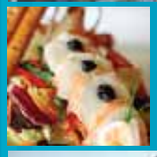

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Housing athletes, then city slickers

Condo trends. The Pan Am athletes' village is set to give Toronto's Canary district a makeover

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Rendering of Canary District condominiums. COURTESY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Torontonians will remember with fondness the old Canary Restaurant on Front and Cherry streets that will now figure prominently into plans for a grand gateway to the West Don Lands neighbourhood.

This storied structure was the original site of the Palace Street School built in 1859, and has morphed into several functions over the years.

The Cherry Street Hotel was later built as an extension which eventually became the Canary Restaurant occupying the front lobby. The Vlahos family has operated the venerable eatery since 1965, and finally closed its doors in 2007.

Developments are quickly ramping up in preparation for the Pan American games which Toronto will be hosting in 2015. Over 35 acres of land centred on Front Street between Bayview Avenue and Cherry Street is slated for a huge makeover and will serve as the home for 8,000 athletes during the course of the games. Afterwards, the new townhomes and condos will go on the market as regular housing units.

Originally planned to be built in three phases over 10-12 years, now more than half of the West Don Lands will be completed for the games in June 2015.

"This condominium project is being developed as part of the athletes' village for the Pan/Parapan Games and it is accelerating development of the West Don Lands," says Meg Davis, VP of development at Waterfront Toronto.

At a recent groundbreaking event at the Cherry Street site, the high-profile design team took the wraps of their plans and architectural visions for the Canary district and surrounding neighbourhood.

According to architect Bruce Kuwabara of KPMB, the historic Canary and CNR buildings on Cherry Street will be restored as free-standing gateposts to mark the western entrance to the new neighbourhood.

The Canary Restaurant, circa June 2006. DUNCAN MCALLISTER

"Every block was developed to reinforce the extension of Front Street through to its terminus at Don River Park and its role as the main street and public promenade of the village," he says.

Peter Clewes is a senior partner with ArchitectsAlliance, a key player in the design team. He maintains that in 2012, the condominium market is the housing market. "The Canary district will realize the great promise of a truly sustainable city, while making a significant break with the tower-and-podium typology that has dominated Toronto's response to intensification," he says.

Toronto plays host

Athletes' village factoids:

- The Pan American Games take place July 10-26, 2015.
- The Parapan American Games take place August 7-14, 2015.
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A whimsical owl sculpture is ideal for the garden CEDAR BURNETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Adding art to your garden is an extension of your identity'

A touch of whimsy. Found objects and fairies complement your plants and give your backyard a little magic

I feel like Alice in Wonderland. Sprinting past an alligator drinking a soda pop and a T-Rex playing guitar, I lean toward a family of colourful metal toadstools that come to my knee.

"Aren't those great?" asks Jim Honold as he ushers me through a forest of recycled oil drum statues at his Home & Garden Art store.

I've come to this Disneyland for gardeners seeking inspiration for easy ways to add whimsy to gardens, and Honold is giving me the rundown.

"Adding art to your garden is an extension of your identity," he says as we brush past a murder of concrete crows. "You decorate the inside, why not the outside? Any personality, any hobby, can be represented — classical, funky, seasonal — you name it."

Looking around, it appears

Lawn art

"There's no right or wrong way to do it. Gardens are so personal — you can use them to express yourself in any way."

Landscape designer Nick McCullough, based in New Albany, Ohio

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Grow beautiful flowers, not aches and pains

Before you dig. The right tools and some light stretching can stop you from throwing out your back

Lugging bags of potting soil, turning compacted flower beds and pulling hard-to-reach weeds offer plenty of exercise, but when these tasks are done incorrectly they can result in stiff and sore joints along with muscle, neck and back pain.

Chiropractors and other specialists who treat people for aches and pains often see a surge in business after the weekends from people who try to get all their gardening done in one go.

"I equate it to the weekend warriors because as soon as you get the nice weather, you see all the flowers everywhere and you go, 'I'm, just going to do it all at once,' which is not the right way to go about it," said Dr. Natalia Lishchyna, president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association.

"Within about a three-week period, from Victoria Day until about mid-June when everybody is getting all their flowers in and gardening done, that's typically the time where you hear about their aches and pains," said Lishchyna, who runs a chiropractic clinic in Oakville, west of Toronto.

The association's public awareness program, called Plant and Rake Without the Ache, was launched because chiropractors were seeing so many patients with aching backs from gardening.

The most common injuries are back strains from lifting and reaching and repetitive strain injuries in the wrist and in the elbow because of the planting action.

Before starting yard work, Lishchyna recommends warming up. "I like to walk around the neighbourhood for 10 to 15 minutes, a brisk walk around. I get inspired by the flowers, the trees and the bushes so that gives me a nice warmup and then I'll come home and do the stretches," she said in a telephone interview.

The legs, back, shoulders, arms and wrists are used the most in gardening. Exercises with diagrams can be found on the Ontario Chiropractic Association website, chiropractic.on.ca.

"As people are doing yard work we want them to take breaks, reasonably three an hour," Lishchyna recommended. "Just to get up to stretch, go get a drink, sit down for a moment, enjoy what you've done so far and then get back to your work,"

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Don't 'just do it'

"We do want people to consider it a form of exercise and it's a great form of exercise, but you've got to pace yourself to prevent the stiffness, soreness and injuries that can typically happen when you're not doing it right."

Dr. Natalia Lishchyna, president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association

A garden fairy house adds a touch of supernatural to this space. SALLY J. SMITH/GREENSPIRIT ARTS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

he's right. There's the giant metal umbrella coat-stand for a classy infusion of humour; a multitude of hobby-inspired birdhouses; four-foot metal lobsters for fishing enthusiasts with no attachment to subtlety; and an old tricycle planter box aimed at the nostalgic set. Everywhere, whimsy abounds.

But how do you actually start adding lawn art to an outdoor living space?

"Instead of throwing stuff in the attic or garage, put it out in the open," Honold says.

He suggests displaying old garden tools, metal toys, or wine glasses and decanters. Chipped plates can find new life in concrete stepping stones, and wooden kid-size furniture always adds a nice touch. "Focus on what's readily available or representative of your area," Honold adds.

"Coastal areas might have fishing nets and glass floats, and places close to rural communities will have farm equipment." In Washington state, he says, "people bring us old saws and ask us to laser-cut their name or address on them."

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Start with the unexpected

For a big splash, Honold recommends an artistic gate.

- **Set the tone.** Whether installing custom wrought-iron doors with elaborate scenes on them or simply taking a can of bright red paint to a basic home-store model, gates can reflect personality of the house.
- **Welcome.** "Think about all the things a gate can say," Honold says. If the message you're trying to send is "we're magical," find ways to add fairy elements to your garden. For kids and anyone with more than a passing fancy for Harry Potter, there's nothing quite as charming as coming across traces of pixies in the yard.

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Dr. Natalia Lishchyna poses with some recommended gardening tools. TERRY LISHCHYNA/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Plant safe

Here's a few tips to protect your body when gardening

- **Buy.** Look for ergonomically designed tools with padded handles to cushion hands and prevent the need for a tight grip.
- **Alternate tasks.** "Till a bit of soil, then start with planting, then come back to the turning over of the soil... If you've got a big garden and you try to turn over all the soil at once, this is where you really start to strain yourself."

Dr. Natalia Lishchyna, president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association, shows proper form for gardening. TERRY LISHCHYNA/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A sweet place for a little shade

DIY ideas. They're perfect for lazy afternoons with books, summer meals on hot nights or first kisses — install your own gazebo

On DIY Network's Yardcore, fraternal landscape professionals Jake and Joel Moss are ready to set up homeowners with the yard of a lifetime.

They only get a quick tour of the yard and a three-minute peek of the homeowner's interior to get clues, then they make it all happen in 48 hours — without ever meeting the homeowner!

One attractive and useful outdoor structure Jake and Joel may consider installing is a gazebo — perfect for outdoor dining and entertaining.

See the below steps for how to install a dream gazebo in your own backyard.

Assemble your materials

Gazebo kits are available at home improvement stores and can make this outdoor DIY project much easier. There are many different sizes and styles to choose from so be sure to compare options to determine what works best for you and your yard.

The manufacturer's instructions are included in the gazebo kit and many styles will come with their own flooring.

However, if you select a gazebo kit without flooring, buy some pressure-treated wood including posts and cedar planks. A naturally weather-resistant wood such as cedar is both functional and attractive.

Decking screws, a hammer, wrench, leveller, post-hole auger and saw will be helpful to have on hand along with landscape marking paint.

Laying the groundwork

Using the landscape marking paint, mark the desired position of the gazebo posts. Remove any plants from the area.

If you're building the deck-flooring yourself, begin by using the posthole auger to dig holes for the posts, about 30 inches into the ground. Next, place the posts into the ground and fill the holes with quick-setting concrete mix and water to hold them steady.

Install the deck frame by connecting the posts with the cedar planks using the decking screws. Remember to wear safety goggles and gloves when cutting boards to size.

Use the leveller to ensure the frame is level and be sure to support the deck's framing with joists in the centre. Add a centre post and cross supports and finish laying the cedar plank flooring.

Assemble the gazebo

Once the deck flooring is complete, assemble the gazebo and attach it to the flooring. Again, the gazebo kit will contain detailed installation instructions and will make construction much easier.

As a basic guideline, fit the tongue and groove boards together to build the walls and secure them with screws. Next, assemble the roof and add the shingles.

Now that the gazebo is built, secure it to the floor boards with screws. Bring out a table and chairs and begin enjoying your outdoor entertaining haven!

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From iconic dress to tabletop classic

Statement pieces.
Fashion gives inspiration for a new keepsake china pattern

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Every year, hundreds of new tabletop trends make a splash when the doors at 41 Madison Avenue are thrown open for New York City's Tabletop Week. This special week allows design trade, store buyers and the media to scour this trade-only building that houses the best of the best and everything to do with tabletop and entertaining products.

Hundreds of manufacturers host parties and events to entice the trade into their fantasy land of table fashion showrooms. Some of the tabletop trends shown are short-lived (remember black octangular glass dishes from the '80s and over-glazed pottery from the '70s?). Only a few live on to become tabletop classics.

One of the most elegant introductions this season was from the manufacturer Waterford, who has employed Monique Lhuillier (fashion designer to Hollywood icons like Katie Holmes and Angelina Jolie) to design a tabletop collection reminiscent of a dress she designed called Sunday Rose.

What sets Lhuillier's collection apart from other fashion designers that create collections for the tabletop is that she draws her inspiration from classic elements of her designs and not the trend elements that could be short-lived on a dinner table.

Her tabletop collection called Sunday Rose (after her iconic dress) is positioned to be a classic for years to come as it incorporates clean lines and modern etchings mixed with the tradition of white china and platinum roses.

Could this replace Royal Albert's Old Country Roses (a bestseller for over 30 years) as a long-time classic china pattern? I think entertaining and fashion critiques alike would agree they'd be happy to dine with Sunday Rose for a very long time.

Soft platinum roses drawn on white china will be a tabletop tradition for years to come. Monique Lhuillier's Sunday Rose, $155/five-piece setting WATERFORDWEDGWOOD.CA

Lhuillier's Sunday Rose dress inspired her entire tabletop collection. MONIQUELHUILLIER.COM

Presentation is everything

"There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event."
Fashion designer Monique Lhuillier

From bridal to table

A chat with Monique Lhuillier

The Sunday Rose Collection was inspired by one of your iconic dress designs; what inspired the dress?
My bridal collections celebrate romance and femininity with a modern twist.... I took my inspiration from a classic rose flower. I cut silk organza fabric and formed abstract flowers to create a bed of roses effect in the skirt. The textures felt so lush and beautiful and the dress was a runaway success.

What accent colour would you team with your classic white/platinum china collection?
I would accentuate it with blush pink; it's the colour of the moment. I would infuse the blush colour in an accent plate, add blush pink peonies to the floral centrepiece and a add blush linen napkin.... Voilà! Colour!

With the popularity of gold tones emerging in home decor would it be wrong to mix gold and silver accents together?
I would add gold accents on flatware and the table decor like salt and pepper accents, place card holders... There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event.

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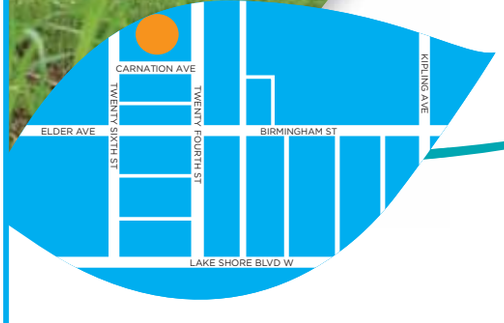

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Dryer games: socks and underwear often like to hide in your fitted sheets. ISTOCK IMAGES

Fitted sheets got you in a twist?

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Last month, a reader of my column asked me for advice about how to avoid getting laundry stuck within her fitted sheets in the dryer.

To be honest, I really didn't know the answer to the question, so in my column I asked the question to my readers and got back some wonderful suggestions that I would like to share with you.

1. Christine wrote what I thought at first was the most obvious answer. "Dry the sheets separately from your clothing. I don't wash and dry my clothes and bed sheets together."

This makes total sense to me and this is the method I use at home. Just for fun, this was the most popular answer!

2. Bev from Toronto wrote, "Try safety pinning the corners together and then the subsequent four sides, to make a sort of balloon shape. This still allows the sheet to dry, but avoids the annoying problem. Of course large safety pins will be needed, which are available in some dollar stores and most sewing notions outlets."

I love this idea as well, but still think this is too much work and would much rather option #1.

3. Patsy wrote what I think is a truly fabulous suggestion, "If you include small item clothes such as socks and briefs, put them in a mesh laundry bag."

This is such a great idea; I think I am going to put this as a footnote for our laundry class at the Charles MacPherson Academy for Butlers and Household Managers!

Finally I spoke with Bonnie Aprile who is the executive housekeeping teacher at our butler school. She said that sheets and clothing should never be washed and/or dried together as their different sizes and fabric weights dry at different rates.

Thus the rule of thumb is like fabrics and like clothing size should be dried together, so that you do not over/under dry particular pieces.

HAVE A QUESTION? SEND AN EMAIL TO ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA

Matrimonial home

Does my ex have to let me sell my house?

LEGAL MATTERS
Jeffrey Cowan
home@metronews.ca

Q. I am separated from my wife and she no longer lives in the house we occupied together. The house is solely in my name and I now want to sell it to move on with my life.

My realtor is saying I need the consent of my spouse to do so. However, we have a court order that we are not to communicate. What do you think I should do?

A. I believe in the standard Agreement of Purchase and Sale there is a place where your spouse would sign their consent to the Agreement.

Under the Family Law Act of Ontario, a spouse has rights over the disposal of property designated as the matrimonial home.

If you lived in the home together while you were married, it is more than likely considered as such. Regardless, your wife will have to sign the final paperwork transferring the home to the new owners unless you have a separation agreement in place that allows for the disposal of the property without her consent.

Best to have her involved in the entire process to make your actions as transparent as possible and get her consent to the transaction up front in writing.

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Pick up a hammer or pack up a moving box?

Just how rooted are you? New show Reno vs. Relocate explores difficult dilemma faced by homeowners

Real estate agent Vanessa Roman, right, and designer Robin Lewis try to help bewildered homeowners find solutions in Reno vs. Relocate. The show premiered Monday on HGTV. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The dream of home ownership can go awry as time moves on when a house that once was a perfect fit suddenly falls short of meeting your evolving needs.

Whether coping with increasingly cramped quarters as families expand or simply tiring of dwelling in outdated surroundings, many homeowners grow keen to scratch the itch to shape up their property or ship out.

So should you stay or should you go? Designer Robin Lewis and real estate agent Vanessa Roman seek to help befuddled homeowners find the solution in Reno vs. Relocate, which premiered Monday at 9 p.m. ET on HGTV.

"The first thing that we do is take an assessment of exactly what it is that they need in the space, how the space functions, but more importantly, how it's not functioning for them," Lewis said in a recent interview.

Homeowners are able to see a graphic simulation of a renovated home from Lewis, while Roman offers a tour of a new home better equipped to meet their needs. After seeing both options, a choice is made to either opt for a makeover or move.

One of the debut episodes features Sarah and Marc with a tiny kitchen and constant congestion on their home's main floor, coupled with limited work space.

After eight years in the home, and now with two kids, Marc is ready for more spacious surroundings closer to his office. Sarah favours going the reno route, preferring to stay closer to friends, school and her work. The couple is willing to shell out $40,000 for a potential renovation or $600,000 for a new home.

In a hot, expensive market, it may not be possible to afford to remain in your current neighbourhood in a bigger property or to move to a better area, said Roman. In that case, renovation becomes your lone option.

However, in markets where housing is more affordable, it's very easy to pick up and move versus staying and undergoing a massive reno, she noted.

"Renovations are fantastic, especially because people these days really are trying to find a home — not just a shell to live in," said Roman. "They want to stay in the same property because they develop a network of friends in the neighbourhood, their children are going to school, they have amenities that are close by.

"Sometimes, as much as you love a property, short of knocking the house down and building something new, it's not going to work. So moving then becomes a very viable option."

For those primed for a new property, Roman said the old adage of "location, location, location" still holds firm as the No. 1 consideration. But she also encourages homeowners to imagine how the property will be amenable to their needs in the short and longer terms.

"You have to imagine the space three years from now, five years from now, 10 years from now," she said.

"Robin and I could buy a house together and 1,100 square feet is great. Six children later? A little small. And you don't necessarily want to move."

While weighing up the decision to renovate, Lewis said the parameters of your budget should set the course of action — and you shouldn't deviate from it. He also suggests itemizing a top-down to-do list.

Whether you're sprucing up a home for sale or staying put, Lewis and Roman say there are simple, affordable ways to make changes.

Both agree paint is a quick, cost-efficient option, but Lewis cautions against splashing any old colour on the wall.

"When you're considering how to paint a room, people look at the paint colours in isolation, by themselves. Look at what's going to be in that room," he said.

"Look at what's going to be outside the window, look at how you're going to want to use that room, how you want it to feel, and then make the decision on the paint from there." That includes factoring in furniture and other complementary colours in palette, he added.

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Making it work

"Renovations are fantastic, especially because people these days really are trying to find a home — not just a shell to live in."

Designer Robin Lewis

Cramped quarters

There are tricks you can use to carve out a little extra wiggle room.

- **Dual purpose.** One of the basements renovated in the series needed to double as a play space and bedroom for guests.
- **Conceal it.** Lewis came up with the idea of installing a wall bed that folds away when not in use.
- **Sneaky storage.** "Another thing is just simple trays underneath your bed or underneath your couch gives you the ability to store smaller items," said Lewis. "It's all pretty straightforward if you just use your noggin."

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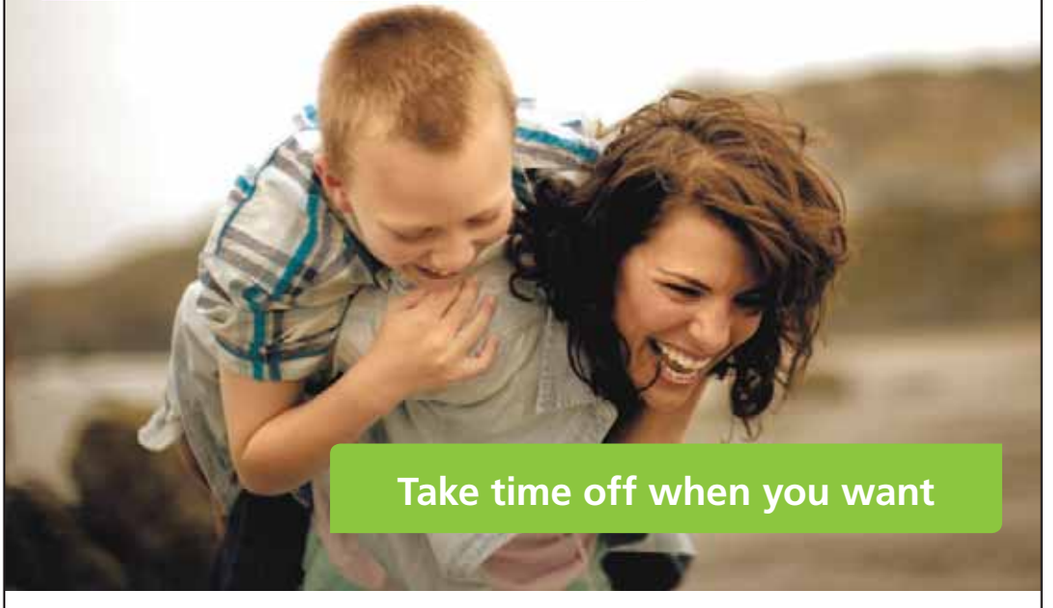

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SPORTS

Maple Leafs

"We're trying to evaluate what we have and what we can get and go from there."

Brian Burke, discussing the Leafs' goaltending situation coming out of the NHL's general managers' meeting in New York on Wednesday. The Toronto GM said he is trying to find a netminder who could carry a significant load without impeding the progress of James Reimer and Ben Scrivens.

On the web

The European Championship gets underway next week and UEFA officials are trumpeting it as "a true celebration of football in a festive environment." But there's still a troubling undercurrent of human-rights issues in host countries Poland and Ukraine. Scan the code for the story.

Los Angeles' Anze Kopitar scores the game-winning goal on Martin Brodeur Wednesday night in Newark, N.J. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Kopitar keeps Kings on road to Stanley

NHL. Talented forward gives Los Angeles 1-0 lead in championship final over New Jersey

Game 1

Kings	Devils
2	1

Anze Kopitar scored 8:13 into overtime as the Los Angeles Kings defeated the New Jersey Devils 2-1 to open the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday night.

Justin Williams found Kopitar with a backhand pass from his own blue-line and the Kings star raced in alone, deking Martin Brodeur before slipping it over him.

Los Angeles, the eighth seed in the West, is now 9-0 on the road in the playoffs.

The Kings are also 3-0 in overtime in these playoffs. The Devils are 4-2.

In a tight game without much offence from either side, New Jersey's attack disappeared for long stretches before a sold-out crowd of 17,625.

The Devils had five shots in the first period and just four in the second, but still managed to pull even at 1-1 late in the second period on a deflection off a Kings defenceman.

Los Angeles outshot New Jersey 22-16 in regulation.

For all the talk of Jonathan Quick as the Kings' uber-stopper in goal, New Jersey made it easy for him for long stretches. He was there when needed, however.

Brodeur was also sharp in a third period that eventually opened up. Colin Fraser scored in the first for Los Angeles.

Anton Volchenkov replied in the second for the Devils.

Teams winning Game 1 of the final have gone on to win the cup in 55 of 72 seasons (76 per cent) since the league went to the best-of-seven format in 1939.

Boston bucked that trend last season, however.

Game 2 goes Saturday in New Jersey.

It marked the 24th overtime game of the 2012 playoffs and the first Game 1 of the final to go to overtime since 2002, when the visiting Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Detroit Red Wings 3-2.

The game opened to a sea of red-clad fans waving white towels in the Prudential Center stands.

But it proved to be a less colourful start on the ice, with both teams looking to nip the other's offence in the bud.

The first shot of the game took more than three minutes for the Kings to record, after a poor defensive pass behind the Devils net led to a giveaway.

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NHL

Lidstrom to announce if he'll retire or return

Nicklas Lidstrom has made a decision about his future.

The 42-year-old Lidstrom will announce Thursday whether he's retiring or returning to play a 21st season with the Detroit Red Wings.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion and seven-time Norris Trophy winner put retirement on hold in each of the previous two years by signing one-year contracts and answering questions from reporters on a conference call. This time, he's holding a news conference at Joe Louis Arena.

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Nicklas Lidstrom
GETTY IMAGES FILE

NBA

Heat hustle back to top Celtics

LeBron James scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Dwyane Wade scored 23 and the Miami Heat pulled off the biggest playoff comeback in franchise history to beat the Boston Celtics 115-111 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Mario Chalmers scored 22 for the Heat, who took a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals despite an unbelievable night by Rajon Rondo. The guard scored 44 points, dishing out 10 assists with eight rebounds.

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Blue Jays complete sweep of Orioles

MLB. Four solo home runs help lift Toronto to third straight win over Baltimore

The Toronto Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion homers off Jason Hammel Wednesday in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brandon Morrow allowed four hits and struck out eight but left the game after being struck on the leg in the seventh inning Wednesday as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 4-1.

Morrow was diagnosed with a contusion of the right shin and was listed by the club as day to day.

The Blue Jays had solo home runs from Edwin Encarnacion, Rajai Davis, Brett Lawrie of Langley, B.C., and Colby Rasmus in completing a three-game sweep of the Orioles.

Until he left the game Morrow (6-3) showed a big improvement over his previous start at Texas last Friday when he allowed six runs in two-thirds of an inning, his shortest career start.

Morrow pitched 6 1/3 innings and struck out eight in holding the Orioles to one run on Wednesday. The Orioles' fourth hit of the game was the one that injured him, a shot by Wilson Betemit that hit Morrow on the right shin with one out in the seventh inning.

Orioles starter Jason Hammel (6-2) allowed four runs and nine hits, four of them homers, in 6 2/3 innings. Hammel, who took his first loss since April 30, allowed a total of three homers in his nine previous starts this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Falling Orioles

It was the fifth loss in a row for the Orioles (29-22) and their advantage in the season series with the Blue Jays (27-24) fell to 5-4.

Tennis

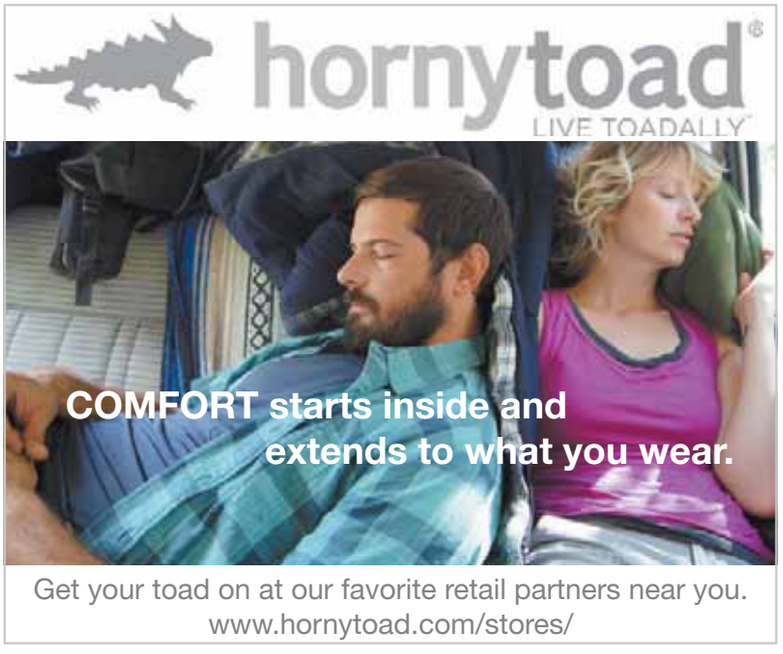
Canada's Wozniak sets up clash with No. 1 seed Azarenka

Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak defeated China's Zheng Jie 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the third round of the French Open.

The Blainville, Que., native will face top-seeded Victoria Azarenka in the next round.

Wozniak dominated in a near-flawless first set and overcame a lapse while leading by a break in the second. That miscue was partly caused by a long injury timeout taken by the No. 34-ranked Zheng with Wozniak leading 3-2.

Wozniak won her last match against No. 1 Azarenka — albeit at the junior level. THE CANADIAN PRESS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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	29	22	.569	—
Tampa Bay	29	22	.569	—
New York	26	23	.531	2
Toronto	27	24	.529	2
Boston	26	24	.520	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	22	.569	—
Cleveland	27	23	.540	1½
Detroit	23	27	.460	5½
Kansas City	21	28	.429	7
Minnesota	18	32	.360	10½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	31	19	.620	—
Los Angeles	26	25	.510	5½
Oakland	22	29	.431	9½
Seattle	22	30	.423	10

Last night's results
Toronto 4, Baltimore 1
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 4, Oakland 0
Boston 6, Detroit 4
Seattle at Texas
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Kansas City 8, Cleveland 2
Toronto 8, Baltimore 6
Chicago White Sox 7, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 6, Detroit 3
Seattle 10, Texas 3
Minnesota 3, Oakland 2
L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Detroit (Scherzer 4-3) at Boston (Beckett 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Konerko CWS	47	171	31	66	.386
Hamilton Tex	46	178	38	65	.365
Jeter NYY	48	207	27	70	.338
Trumbo LAA	42	151	21	51	.338
AJackson Det	36	136	29	45	.331
Ortiz Bos	49	185	34	59	.319
Fielder Det	49	189	29	60	.317
AdJones Bal	50	202	38	64	.317
Beltre Tex	46	177	27	56	.316
CDavis Bal	44	162	23	51	.315

RBI — Hamilton, Texas, 56; Encarnacion, Toronto, 41; MiCabrera, Detroit, 40; ADunn, Chicago, 37; Butler, Kansas City, 34; NCruz, Texas, 34; AdJones, Baltimore, 34.
HOME RUNS - Hamilton, Texas, 21; ADunn, Chicago, 16; Encarnacion, Toronto, 16; AdJones, Baltimore, 16; Granderson, New York, 15; Reddick, Oakland, 14; Bautista, Toronto, 12.
PITCHING — Darvish, Texas, 7-2; 13 tied at 6.
STRIKEOUTS — Verlander, Detroit, 82; FHernandez, Seattle, 75; Shields, Tampa Bay, 74; Scherzer, Detroit, 72; Sabathia, New York, 69; Darvish, Texas, 66; Haren, Los Angeles, 66.
Last night's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	21	.580	—
Miami	29	22	.569	½
New York	28	22	.560	1
Atlanta	28	24	.538	2
Philadelphia	26	25	.510	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	28	22	.560	—
St. Louis	27	24	.529	1½
Pittsburgh	25	25	.500	3
Houston	22	27	.449	5½
Milwaukee	21	28	.429	6½
Chicago	18	32	.360	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	17	.653	—
San Francisco	27	23	.540	5½
Arizona	22	28	.440	10½
Colorado	19	29	.396	12½
San Diego	17	35	.327	16½

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 8, San Diego 6
Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 10, St. Louis 7
Miami 5, Washington 3
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets
Houston at Colorado
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers
Arizona at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 3
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 3
Atlanta 5, St. Louis 4
Miami 3, Washington 1
Milwaukee 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
San Francisco 3, Arizona 1
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Houston (Norris 5-1) at Colorado (Guthrie 2-3), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 5-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-3), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
MeCabrera SF	50	205	38	77	.376
DWright NYM	46	165	32	61	.370
Ruiz Phi	44	142	23	52	.366
McCutchen Pit	46	168	28	57	.339
YMolina StL	45	169	25	57	.337
Furcal StL	48	193	35	64	.332
Prado Atl	49	187	31	61	.326
Ethier LAD	48	179	27	58	.324
Votto Cin	49	168	30	54	.321
Infante Mia	43	160	27	51	.319

RBI — Ethier, Los Angeles, 43; Beltran, St. Louis, 41; CGonzalez, Colorado, 37; Stanton, Miami, 37; Braun, Milwaukee, 36; LaRoche, Washington, 35; Freese, St. Louis, 33; HRamirez, Miami, 33.
HOME RUNS - Beltran, St. Louis, 15; Braun, Milwaukee, 14; Kemp, Los Angeles, 12; Stanton, Miami, 12; Bruce, Cincinnati, 11; Pence, Philadelphia, 11; 5 tied at 10.
Yesterday's games not included

BLUE JAYS 4, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
EnChvz lf	4	0	0	0	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
Hardy ss	4	0	1	0	Rasms cf	4	1	1	1
C.Davis dh	3	0	0	0	Bautist rf	2	0	0	0
AdJons cf	2	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	4	1	2	1
Wieters c	4	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	1
MrRynl 1b	3	1	0	0	Cooper dh	3	0	1	0
Betemt 3b	3	0	2	0	Arencii c	4	0	1	0
Flahrty rf	3	0	1	1	Vizquel 2b	4	0	2	0
Andino 2b	3	0	0	0	RDavis lf	3	1	1	1
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**32**	**4**	**9**	**4**

Baltimore	010	000	000	1
Toronto	011	110	00x	4

DP—Baltimore 1, Toronto 2. LOB—Baltimore 5, Toronto 7. 2B—Cooper (1). HR—Rasmus (6), Encarnacion (17), Lawrie (4), R.Davis (3). SB—Vizquel (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Hammel L,6-2	6 2-3	9	4	4	2	5
O'Day	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Strop	1	0	0	0	1	2
Toronto						
Morrow W,6-3	6 1-3	4	1	1	2	8
Villanueva H,2	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cordero H,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen S,5-6	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Morrow (Ad.Jones).
Umpires—Home, Dana DeMuth; First, Kerwin Danley; Second, Paul Nauert; Third, Doug Eddings.
T—2:28. A—17,754 (49,260).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed DH Travis Hafner on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 24. Recalled LHP Scott Barnes from Columbus (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK METS — Recalled INF Jordany Valdespin from Buffalo (IL). Placed INF Ronny Cedeno on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 27.

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed WR Gino Crump. Released CB Korey Lindsey.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed WR Derek Session. Released OL Paul Madsen.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Brandon Bostick.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Announced the retirement of CB Asher Allen.
TAMPA BUCCANEERS — Named Eric Stokes director of college scouting.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Tyson Pencer.

NHL

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed D Nathan Beaulieu to a three-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Jesper Fast and F Marek Hrivik.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Signed C Alex Friesen to a three-year, entry-level contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-signed G Dany Sabourin to a one-year contract extension.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
Last night's result
Los Angeles at New Jersey
Saturday's game
All times Eastern
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday's game
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kovalchuk, NJ	7	11	18
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	9	16
Kopitar, LA	6	9	15
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12
Girardi, NYR	3	9	12
Gaborik, NYR	5	6	11
M.Richards, LA	4	7	11
Henrique, NJ	3	8	11
Salvador, NJ	3	8	11
J.Williams, LA	2	9	11
Callahan, NYR	6	4	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Clarkson, NJ	3	7	10
Penner, LA	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Doughty, LA	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	5	4	9
J.Carter, LA	4	5	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9

Not including last night's game

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C.	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	3	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Chicago	12	5	4	3	15	15	18
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	12	4	7	1	16	18	13
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Saturday's game
All times Eastern
Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
Men
Singles
Second Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-4.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-3.
Nicolas Devilder, France, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2.
Andreas Seppi (22), Italy, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Marin Cilic (21), Croatia, def. Juan Carlos Ferero, Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-3.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Michael Llodra, France, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.
Kevin Anderson (31), South Africa, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Gilles Simon (11), France, def. Brian Baker, United States, 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 1-6, 6-0.
Fernando Verdasco (14), Spain, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Stanislas Wawrinka (18), Switzerland, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Florent Serra, France, 7-6 (0), 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Women
Second Round
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier, Germany, 6-1, 6-1.
Dominika Cibulkova (15), Slovakia, def. Vania King, United States, 6-0, 6-2.
Sam Stosur (6), Australia, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-1, 6-4.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Zheng Jie (31), China, 6-2, 6-4.
Sara Errani (21), Italy, def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Petra Cetkovska (24), Czech Republic, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Anabel Medina Garrigues (29), Spain, def. Irena Pavlovic, France, 6-3, 6-2.
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, def. Lucie Safarova (20), Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-5.
Nadia Petrova (27), Russia, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 6-3.
Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-2, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (26), Russia, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, 6-1, 6-1.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Marion Bartoli (8), France, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Flavia Pennetta (18), Italy, def. Alexa Glatch, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Venus Williams, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles
Men — First Round
Bjorn Phau, Germany, and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.**, def. Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Albano Olivetti, France, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (1), Toronto, Ont.**, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-3, 6-4.
Women — First Round
Simona Halep, Romania, and **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.**, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, and Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-2, 6-3.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Miami leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Boston at Miami
Monday's result
Miami 93 Boston 79
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
x-Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) V. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(San Antonio leads 2-0)
Tuesday's result
San Antonio 120 Oklahoma City 111
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
x-San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 8
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
x — if necessary.

DRAFT ORDER

First Round
1. New Orleans
2. Charlotte
3. Washington
4. Cleveland
5. Sacramento
6. Portland (from Brooklyn)
7. Golden State
8. Toronto
9. Detroit
10. New Orleans (from Minnesota via LA Clippers)
11. Portland
12. Milwaukee
13. Phoenix
14. Houston
15. Philadelphia
16. Houston (from New York)
17. Dallas
18. Minnesota (from Utah)
19. Orlando
20. Denver
21. Boston
22. Boston (from LA Clippers via Oklahoma City)
23. Atlanta
24. Cleveland (from LA Lakers)
25. Memphis

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
NORFOLK VS. TORONTO
Tomorrow's game
Toronto at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Toronto at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
Norfolk at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
Norfolk at **Toronto**, 3 p.m.

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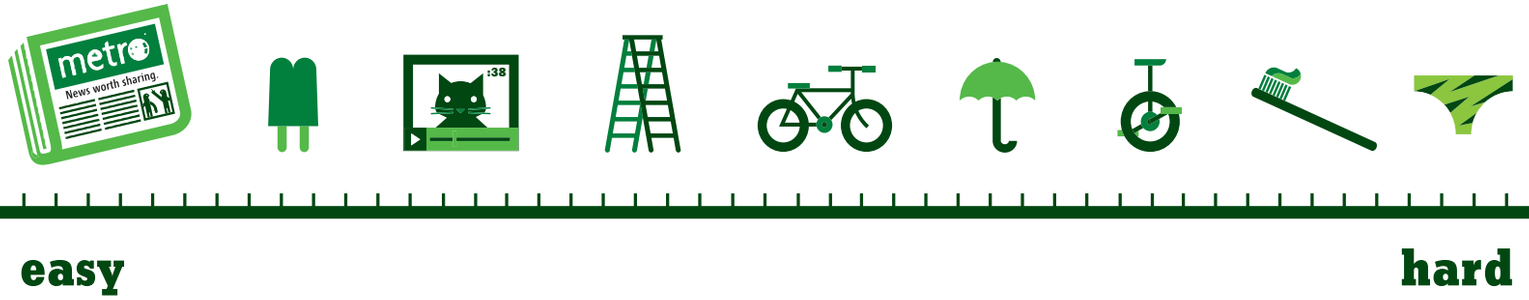

All dressed up for 100th Grey Cup

Members the University of Toronto football team pose in replica uniforms at Rosedale Sports Field, the site of the first Grey Cup, on Wednesday. U of T beat the Parkdale Canoe Club (now the Boulevard Club) 26-6 in 1909. The CFL held the event in advance of the 100th Grey Cup, to be played at Rogers Centre in November. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raptors OK with staying at eight

NBA. GM Colangelo says he's excited about possibilities after landing No. 8 pick in draft lottery

The No. 8 pick in the NBA draft is not for sale.

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Unable to move up to one of the top three spots in June's draft, but not moving back from their original position, the Toronto Raptors remain with their expected slot, opening up possibilities for president and general manager Bryan Colangelo.

"Obviously if there's a transaction that warrants moving the pick, we'll consider that but we're not actively shopping it," Colangelo said after the league's draft lottery in New York on Wednesday night.

But Colangelo is willing to listen to trade scenarios.

"It's all going to be a matter of what's on the board and as you know, the $12 million (U.S.) of flexibility that we have … gives us some options to take on contract," he said. "If it was the right player, a player of a significant caliber, then we would obviously consider upping the ante by including the pick." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"We actually like this selection at eight."
Raptors GM Bryan Colangelo.

Buzz in New Orleans

After a difficult season in which they traded all-star Chris Paul, the New Orleans Hornets have a shot to add another star after winning the draft lottery Wednesday.

- The Charlotte Bobcats, after the worst season in NBA history, fell to No. 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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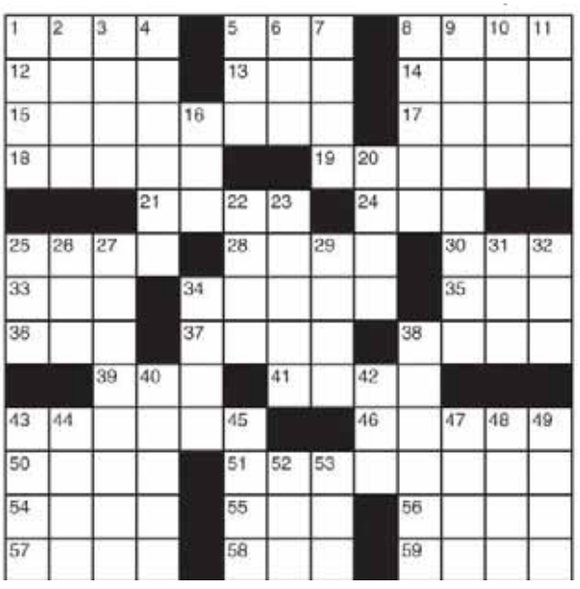
Across
1 Related
5 Copper head?
8 Daytime TV entry
12 Last few notes
13 Trigger's rider
14 Data
15 Battling at close range
17 Infamous lyrist
18 Most of Iberia
19 Hippocratic oath reciter
21 Seductress
24 Zodiac sign
25 Ocean motion
28 Baseball nickname
30 Sphere
33 Historic time
34 Smiles
35 Ultramodernist
36 Susan of "L.A. Law"
37 Ice-skating leap
38 Group of quail
39 Pinnacle
41 Unit of force
43 Sandpiper's cousin
46 Match
50 Take on cargo
51 Queued in a way
54 Muscat's land
55 Perfume-label word
56 Actress Dunaway
57 Methods
58 Turn blue?
59 Pal of Kukla and Ollie

Down
1 Gospels' follow-up
2 Former surgeon general
3 Notion
4 Indigenous
5 Illustrations
6 Greet the villain
7 Kept tabs on
8 From then on
9 Pairing off uniquely
10 Hairstyle
11 Indigent
16 — budget
20 Automaker Ransom Eli
22 "You Bet Your Life" host
23 Got nosy
25 Williams or Koppel
26 Anger
27 Ordinary
29 Sans siblings
31 Gun the engine
32 Tarzan's son
34 Yawn
38 Ask to be excused
40 They take the cake
42 Singer Cole
43 Farm implement
44 Tibetan monk
45 Sax player's need
47 Caboose's location
48 One-name New Age singer
49 Paradise
52 Aye canceler
53 Payable



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	8		6					7
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1			4		6			9
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7					8		1	
	3			7	1			
	2		3					6

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	6	8	4	3	2	7	9	1
2	7	9	5	6	1	4	3	8
4	1	3	8	7	9	6	5	2
8	5	4	2	8	7	9	1	3
9	2	7	1	5	3	8	4	6
6	3	1	9	4	8	5	2	7
7	9	6	3	1	4	2	8	5
3	4	5	6	2	8	1	7	9
1	8	2	7	9	5	3	6	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MA OI. ALCBV BWZMBWB DL XWZLOW V QWD EMULD. M FRWII PLR OMFJD IVP IJW'B XW V EUVCW QVCW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I WAS LEGALLY ORDERED TO KEEP DRY, I AM TAKING PART IN A WETNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Someone you meet on your travels will tell you something interesting. It may sound a bit harsh but you know the truth when you hear it, so listen, learn and then act.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. What happens today will awaken your sense of injustice and compel you to take action.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't worry about other people's feelings: if you have something to say then you must come out with it right away.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Sometimes conflict is inevitable and that is the way of things now.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. With mind planet Mercury strongly aspected you won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You won't be shy about letting the world know what you think today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Cosmic activity in one of the more dynamic areas of your chart, which endows you with no small amount of courage, so don't sit there and take criticism that isn't warranted – go on the offensive.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you want something done you can, of course, do it yourself, but you can just as easily persuade others to do the work for you.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Trust your instincts today and follow them wherever they might lead.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's all about attitude: if you believe you can reach your goal you will find a way.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. The best way to avoid trouble is to think before you act – but how likely is that when you feel so adventurous?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may not take kindly to others telling you how to do things but if you are smart you will listen.

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